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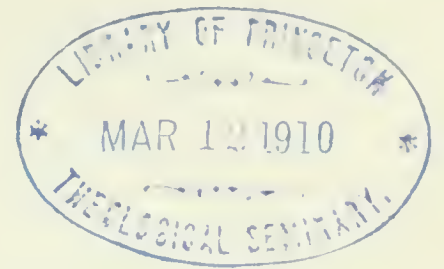
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Evanston, Wyoming Terr.  
January 6th, 1897.

Dear Brother Jackson,

As I have heard nothing to the contrary I trust that your daughter is restored to health and you are all in your pleasant home.

Matters move along here about as usual, but we are making but very little headway. There are so many Mormons, nearly all in the Machine shops are Mormons. I have hoped all along there could be changes for the better, but I see little that gives real encouragement, only the Mormons do let their children come to Sabbath School, we have more than one hundred in the school. I was also quite surprised on New Year's morning between twelve and one to hear many voices before our window, singing, "How beauteous are their feet who stand on Zion's hill" etc. I arose and made a light and could not believe it true as the Mormon Bishop himself said, Mr. Arnold, we wish you a happy new year. I believe I told you before that our Church is well painted and neatly carpeted and nearly free from debt. I am personally responsible for forty dollars.

The Methodists and Baptists seem to have given up the field, only the presiding elder comes occasionally to see if there is any opening.

Bishop Tuttle of Salt Lake City is to be here tomorrow. I think that the Episcopalians are intending to make a move. Judge Thomas one of the Territorial Judges is at the head, but as he carries no moral power I do not think much will be done. However they have two or three good members. I do wish you could be here to look over the field, there is so much to discourage. I find it rather hard to act alone, you know when I was commissioned I expected to receive a part of my support from Ogden, yet the people have done far better than I expected, they will average I think about thirty-five dollars per month. Only think! right in my hardest pinch I was called to Green River to solemnize a marriage and had forty-five dollars left after paying all the expenses so I am sure the promise will prove true, if we dwell in the land and do good verily we shall be fed.

In haste, yours most truly  
F. J. Arnold.

P. S. Kind regards to your family. I can get no favors from the Rail Road they are very strict.

Salt Lake City, Utah.,  
January 8, 1877.

Dear Brother Jackson,

If you are not out of all patience with me you ought to be. Your "Merry Christmas" came about a week ago. Before answering I waited to hear again from the Board in reply to a recent letter. We shall be glad to see you when you come but I cannot tell whether I shall be able to go with you to St George or not. If the Board will pay my expenses and provide a supply for this pulpit, I shall be glad to go. I have a good easy spring wagon and one horse. I can easily procure a tongue and another horse and we can go cheaply and comfortably if our lodging and horsefeed can be provided for.

Shall we have a meeting of the pres' on your return from St George or on your first arrival here?

Dr. Boardman is remembered by some here and would be welcome. Things are prosperous here. Yesterday at communion three united with this Church. Two upon profession, converts of the last three months, one of them an apostate Mormon and the other a promising young man. Two other recent converts expect to unite soon but were prevented from doing so yesterday by some domestic affairs.

You asked if Bird would do for Mt. Pleasant I think he would. The people were pleased with him in September and he was pleased with the field and the outlook of the work. All the machinery is in gear, oiled and running there now, the priests are whipped and with their candal extremities drooped, their fierce barking has given place to a melancholy growl. I believe he and his wife would be interested and successful.

Love to all,  
J. W. McMillan.

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Salt Lake City, Utah,  
January 9, 1877.

Brother Jackson,

I send you a circular I very much wish you would publish in your next paper. Our school is full but a large part is want. Out of the six received since January 2 only one is able to pay. If help does not come by June 10, I will be compelled to dismiss all chancy pupils not in scholarships and reduce the school to what Mrs. C. and I can teach. Can you not get Mrs. M. W. Coyner appointed as missionary, if she could draw three hundred dollars I believe I could care on the school. We are economizing to the closes point. At the communion last Sabbath two joined on examination.

and one on certificate. A gentleman who had been a Mormon missionary in Sweden for seven years made a clear profession of Faith in Church renouncing Mormonism as a great fraud. We first got his children in our day school and then the Sunday School and finally he was lead to attend Church. Our Church has a fine spiritual outlook for 1877, but we do feel Mr. W's absence oh so much. Mrs. C. and I feel our loss very much. Sometimes the burdens seem to get heavier

Hope to see you soon,  
Coyner.

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Fort Collins, Colorado.,  
January 10, 1877.

Dear Doctor Jackson,

As much as we would like to see you we do not think it expedient for you to come and visit us now for at present we have no place to hold service, unless it is very favorable weather. The Methodist Church is very cold and for the last two alternate Sabbaths we could not hold any service. I have been agitating the matter of another place to worship in but we still hope for the completion of our Church and so do not wish to be to any extra expense. The weather has been so unfavorable that the brickwork is not yet complete but today it was resumed and if the weather continues good in a little time it will be complete outside and can hope soon to occupy.

The past week we have been moving into Mr. Vescilius's house and are now very pleasantly located, near the Church and have a home nicely adapted for us. We are thus getting equip ed for another year's campaign and if we cannot advance much seemingly this year er hope to get at least a good .

Last evening we held our first prayer meeting, strange as it may seem. We are so central that our house furnishes a poor place to hold meetings in. We endeavor to do what we can in observing the week of prayer and since we cannot hold public service as I had hoped to in our new Church, we will hold two or three this week in our own hired house.

I hope therefore that you will favor us with your presence at our dedication rather than now. That will take place I hope in March or April.

We are glad to know that yourself and family are again in D. and that Daisy is recovering. Allow me to thank you for those exquisitely beautiful cards you sent us.

By the way the H. M. B. refuse to grant any more aid. We received a box which though not large contained many needed articles. In moving we have lost their letter and address and I have not acknowledged the box. Please drop me a card

with address if you have it.

With love to family in which Mrs. F. joins me, I am  
your brother in the Lord,

D. F. Finks.

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Yuma, Arizona Terr.,  
January 19th, 1877.

Dear Sir,

I have received your note of the 8th inst. in reply I will say for the present it will not be worth while to see how much the people here would give to establish a Church at the present time. When I wrote to Pastor, The Rev. Robert Patterson, I contemplated that he would have the Rail road here by this time and this would naturally bring a large influx of people to our territory and town, but at the present time the prospect for the railroad is even worse than when I wrote and without this change matters are dark for establishing a Church. The town is made up principally at present of saloons, some stores, several Chinese bakeries, Mexican population with Church, and not for the present at all likely that a minister's board could be paid.

I have just completed a letter to a Methodist minister who wrote to me that he was in Safford and appointed by the conference to preach at Arizona. He wanted to know what the prospect would be for establishing a Church. I answered him as I have written you. It may not be long. We will hope for the best.

We have a native Indian population that needs looking after indeed. The Yuma Indians. The white people have been among them for twenty-three years. No effort has ever been made to conquer these people from their old habits. In fact they have the vices and no virtues of the white race. It will be but a few years and they will all be gone from the face of the earth. There has been no hand of the Christian to lead them to the Cross of Christ. Indeed I think that today they are worse off than when I passed through here twenty-eight years ago on my way to California. I could write you more fully about these people

I have written you a long letter and I hope some of these days to have the pleasure of seeing you.

Yours affectionately in the Christian Faith,  
William H. Tonge.

To the Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D. Superintendent of the  
Presbyterian Missions for Colorado, etc.

P. S. I did think about writing to Bishop Whipple of Minn-  
sota about these Indian people as he has been recommended to  
me as the Indian's friend.

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Fort Wingate, N. M.,  
January 21st, 1877.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Denver, Colorado,

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 8th inst. came duly to hand. I regret very much that there was a mistake in the name of the town as given to you where my father, Dr. W. F. Landerdale resides. The town is Geneseo not Geneva. Had you visited the former place you would have found many people who have heard of the Zuni Pueblo, and many who would have given you every encouragement in the work of establishing a mission among them. Also at Rochester, N. Y. there is a lady, Mrs. Sarah J. Nichols, President of the ladies Home Missionary Society, of the brick Church of that City, an old friend of mine, who has read my letters and seen the curiosities and other things which I have forwarded to the East, and who has become very much interested in the work of establishing schools and missions in this Territory, especially among the Zuni with whom she is best acquainted. She sent me word that the society of her Church would appropriate a portion of their funds for the above cause if they only knew how to apply it. On the first of this month I replied to the letter of Mrs. N. and stated to her, that a school could be established at Zuni and perhaps at Moyin. Some work of this kind has been attempted at Zuni, and also at Moyin and I am informed at the latter place with encouraging results. Rev. Mr. ~~Truax~~ can tell you all about the school at Moyin. I have not had time to hear from my letter to Mrs. Nichols but feel confident that her society will cheerfully cooperate with you in establishing a school at Zuni. I shall let you know of the results of the ladies efforts as soon as I have heard from them.

The Church people of the Rev. Charles Durfee at Geneseo, N. Y. of which my father is an elder, are interested in mission work in the city of Mexico, and would doubtless do what they are able to do in similar work in this region.

I cannot speak advisably about how much it would take to

support a missionary at Zuni. I think Rev. Mr. Truax could fix that sum better than I because he is familiar with the salaries which teachers and missionaries secure in this territory. There is Menaul at Laguna who receives but one hundred dollars a year, and I am told saves a portion of that but he is a peculiar genius, can preach, teach and practice medicine, build a house, weave a carpet or a blanket, build a mill, and alter a Springfield rifle to a breech loader and other such mechanical work so that he is a desirable acquisition to any community that is taking its first steps in civilization. From all that I can see I regard a man of a practical turn of mind like Menaul the best qualified to undertake the work of civilizing and christianizing an Indian community.

The Indians are such haters of the Catholics, that I do not believe that the latter would dare to molest them. I shall be pleased to see you at Wingate in April and will accompany you to Zuni. I had a long talk with Dr. B. M. Thomas of Sante Fe who fully coincides with me on the subject of establishing a school at Zuni. Dr. Thomas who is the agent for the Pueblos would be a good man to confer with on all matters relating to the Zuni or other Pueblo Indians in this territory.

Feeling a deep interest in your work, I remain  
Yours very truly,  
J. V. Landerdale.

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Taos, Taos Co., N. Mexico.,  
January 22, 1877.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Sir,

Allow me to write you to ask a special favor. Our Pres'y. at its fall session chose me as their comm. to the Assembly. I wish to go and I wish to take my family with me to leave them in the states for one year. My family consists of wife and four children, the oldest eight, the next six, the next four and the next very young. I wish to ask you if it would be possible for you to secure for me half fare tickets for myself and wife or free tickets for the children or both. I would prefer going by the A. T. & Sante Fe R. R. But of course if I can secure the same at less cost by way of Denver I shall be bound to go that way. Please write me on the subject.

I have my little history about done but work presses me so hard that it does seem impossible almost to get it copyed, and besides I have no paper of the kind you speak of. School



is very light this winter but very interesting. Thirty on the book, twenty-seven on the regular attendance. In October I visited Ocate Valley, forty miles southeast of Taos, organized a Church of twenty-five, celebrated the Lord's supper then on the 14th received one more which makes eight members since the organization, thirty-three in all at this time and more who only kept out through fear of the priests.

We have received but two in our Church at Taos this summer. This is accounted for by the increased vigilance of the priests. A great demand for religious books is being awakened among the people at Taos Valley. I think I had no less than ten calls for books on Saturday last. They bring corn, wheat, and wood to pay for them.

We are all quite well.

Brother Smith preached for me in Ocate in the month of December making a three days ride for one days preaching, or rather six as it took three days to come and three days to go. He is much pleased with the work at Ocate.

Yours truly,  
James M. Roberts.

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Fort Collins, Colorado,  
January 23d, 1877.

Dear Brother Jackson,

I have made arrangements to go to Longmont next Sabbath. It will be a long, hard cold ride, still I am willing to try it and do all I can. In fact since I cannot hold services with much regularity or encouragement, I am glad to be of service elsewhere. You speak about the cloth for a suit. I hardly know what to say. We have no tailor and to have a suit made in Greeley or Denver would cost I think about as much as to buy a suit already made in the East, for I have accurate measures there. I need a suit and if you could send me a sample or tell me the kind of goods I could tell whether it would be desirable to go to the expense of having it made up.

Arnie Smith received your card of notice of expiration of subscription. He desires me to say that he would like to continue it but does'nt feel able and does'nt wish it without paying for it. He does'nt know exactly when his subscription expired but sends fifty cents, thinking that will pay all arrearage to the present. Tell me if it does not and how it stands.

Your efforts to round up my salary and so relieve us from anxiety in that respect is kindly remembered and appre-

ciated, for our expenses have been unusually large the past year in spite of all our economy, (\$1,500)

The box we received was from the Central Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati. A. G. Brown wrote us but we have lost the letter.

My wife and I enclose articles for your paper. We hope they will be worth printing as the children say in their letters for print.

My labors here are not without encouragement for the young are being disposed in our favor and remark that the new Church is going to be their's.

Mrs. Finks joins me in love to all.

Your brother in the Faith,  
D. E. Finks.

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Del Norte Colorado,  
January 26, 1877.

Dear Brother Jackson,

I have been so occupied with work that I have had no time to reply to your many kind letters and etc of late. I return the organ prospectus. I broke the financial back of Salt Lake City, dedicating the Church. So paid freight on organ to Lake from Denver, and have use of it for winter. New minister can bear the burden of organ etc.

Always use the largest liberty with my articles, as I always wish to aid and advance, not hinder and have sincere respect for your editorial judgement. If I fail to please and profit once I can try again. Have you seen my "Fare Dealers Funeral" in the "Daysman" if you should be tempted to republish it please suppress all names as the R. Pres. goes to Lake. You asked me whether I wished to secure a preacher for Lake City. Yes, as far as I am concerned. Geo was secured only till Pres'y in May. People like him very much. Some may want to keep him but if we can get him in at Ouray and keep him going for a few years I would think it best. This is a place we have often discussed and I hope we may realize viz.- He be commissioned with a living salary. He and I strike a new town per annum, if possible build after organization. At fall meeting of Presy get a minister, and he to come down into the valley, and study, and assist in the work which will enlarge every year. As I have to be absent much of the summer, my winter work ties me to this City. But his salary would necessarily have to continue right along that he might be free from care. Building of course interferes with study and the way he builds is a wonder. He almost built Lake Church single

-handed. He worked one consecutive thirty-six hours without sleep, getting the plaster dry. Such a partnership of labor, preaching and study would soon fill this distant San Juan with strong Churches safely housed. We were too late in beginning to build at Lake and had to strike the town for money at a close time. The result is that though more than eighty dollars more than was necessary to cover all indebtedness was subscribed yet over three hundred dollars is unpaid of the sixteen hundred subscribed (with but eighty). I made a mistake in not going up seven times instead of six. If I had gone once after the dedication, I might have collected most of the balance but I could not) work and no money forbade, (Over three hundred dollars) I left uncollected when I left. I hoped the deacons etc there might have done it, but a variety of circumstances interfered. Geo. has no gift that way yet I think that he will learn, but such a crop he cannot now bear. He never was a coal, insurance, book etc agent as I. That a loss to him. But even those businesses did'nt bring me to it. Only God's sanctification. So he says that he will build and preach and I must beg and preach. He calls it begging. I call it collecting the Lord's interest, and a very low percent he asks, and sad to say a far lower percent he gets. I am glad that he has a large principal, and that Christ is head over all things for the Church.

Geo. is greatly worn by the delay of the Board in notifying him of even the reception of the Church's application. His wife has sold all their furniture and is penniless. He has tried to fix up a home in Lake which he has rented, and having been once in active money making, its hard for him to just "sit still" as we preachers have to do. If the money for his wife's travelling expenses does not arrive in ten days he purposes borrowing money to travel on and leave Lake and us for good. It would be a sad loss for our Church with this debt on it as it might lead to seizure of our property there. You see the Board of erection has not even had the courtesy to notify us whether or not it would grant the five hundred dollars we asked for. We asked too little and I think that we must ask, as we are entitled to one third, for two hundred dollars more. But I hope not. I've written the Home Board of the necessity of their sending the one hundred dollars for travelling expenses as well as full and prompt granting of the seventy dollars a month additional, other thirty dollars the Lake raises, one hundred a month in all for six months. This travelling money should be given as Geo. preached three months for nothing. I write to ask you, can you not raise or lend him one hundred dollars for his family's coming out. It will barely bring them as stage fare from Veta to Lake is for her and her two boys at least sixty dollars. In ten days the Board cannot get an answer to him and their refusal would be simply disastrous. You know they met on January 23d. Now if you can get this one hundred dollars for him, send it direct to Mrs. Geo. M. Darley, Nebraska City, Neb

Care of L. Willis P. O. Box 21. Also send him word of our action. Write him anyhow. A word from you would make him feel at home. You see its all uncertainty with him. Will the Board act? Will the Board give the one hundred dollars travelling expenses? Will his family ever get to him? He has only been with them two weeks in fifteen months. They are out of clothes, barely have they food, and he has just lost in the courts (unjustly) "16,000 dollars worth of rproperty, so that he is bagged of the labor of ten years. Twice hath he been sick at the Lake. In measure from overwork He is a raw recruit and hardness is hard. So help dear brother if you can. Write him the day you get this. Geo. M. Darley, Lake City, Huisdale Co., Col. I know that if you fail it will not be through lack of desire. Please also secure Mrs. Geo. Darley a pass on Denver and Rio Grande R. R. I'll try the Atchistan, Topeka and Sante Fe.

How have you succeeded so far? I write up for this year's San Juan Guide the religious educational. I'll write Holen and Grady. The Shawn-etown man, Green, was the session's second choice for Lake City.

I send you all the answers on behalf of Church at Lake with pictures. You can write them and get some of them possibly for other Colorado points. Try Green for Lake etc. I've not answered as Andrews acceptance was falsely rumored in so many papers- no time.

We are finishing our third week of protracted effort here. We have a revival but no conversions yet. The Baptists miss for San Juan. Rev. A. B. Whitney is assisting me. We keep on next week. The Lord will be with us in conversions soon we can confidently hope. Conviction seems quite general and in some cases powerful. We wait on the Lord. May his will here be evident soon for he breaketh us.

I've other things to write but I'm tired. When I get stamps I'll send the letters, prospectus etc. but now I have barely enough to send this and have only two cents left and that not mine..

Love to all. Pray for us. Ask the Church to pray that Christ may possess his own in Del Norte and in all San Juan, and especially that he may soon conquer hearts in these meetings and be glorified in our midst in many.

Your brother

Alexander M. Darley.

Trinidad, Col.,  
January 29, 1877

Dear Brother,

I suppose you will want to know how I am getting along. In one word the mal-contents buried the hatchet before I came. I have heard nothing. Mrs. McC. and connections all attend Church. Mr. Phillips plods as usual, cleaning hall, lighting up, firing up, etc. Col. Swallow and other members expected a rupture, but so far every thing is pleasant, and Mrs. Phillips has said that I have done the best thing possible for the Church. Of course we know these parties and know that they are not ones we can "tie to" but their good will is better than their ill will if only for a short time.

I anticipate pleasure in Church building. The question of location which threatened to make trouble was settled pleasantly and a good location secured. I was obliged to put my veto on one lot which they seemed inclined to purchase but which was utterly unfit and now the parties are content so far as I can learn, but I tell you my position is anything but pleasant. They just want me to shell out money and let them spend it right away.

Willis and Mrs. G. have both been under the Doctors care. I have done little for two or three weeks but nurse them Mrs. G. is better now and able to superintend a Mexican washwoman and Willis seems to be almost well. This is the first hired help that I have had in my house but I have not been well rather was too much worn out to wash. Hope to have health in the family. I am living in Mr. Treat's new store house near Mrs. Ferrys. Remember when you come the store house on Treat's addition and belonging to Mr Treat. Treat is selling a good many lots. Mrs. Welkins is next neighbor. A member of a good family have moved who are good Presbyterians.

Regards to Mrs. J. I think likely that I may need you for counsel sometimes perhaps you can be at our communion or we can have communion when you come.

Brother John L. Gage.

P. S. I have received no money yet from the Church here for myself and am crowded for current expenses.

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Prescot, Arizona,  
January 29 1877.

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Brother,

I hope you will forgive me for not writing you sooner in

regard to Church matters. I believe my dear brother that the prayers of God's people at Prescott have been directly answered in the Rev. J. A. Merrill. He seems to be the right man in the right place, a man with his whole soul in the work of saving souls and glorifying his God. A man fearless of consequences, declaring the whole counsel of God. For example- Sunday morning, some weeks ago he preached a sermon showing forth in most able manner Elijah with great boldness, and preached to a house full, some of the most prominent baalites of Prescott on the necessity of keeping holy the Sabbath day and the consequences of violating it, showing also how that portion of God's holy law was regarded by all the business men of this place to which they all agreed, and one was heard to say "But didn't he give us hell, though" You have already heard the history of our organization, the camp of Israel is moving onward, God's people are down in the dust with their faces towards Calvary and to the careful observer there answereth a little cloud like a man's hand out of the sea of God's love and mercy. The house of God instead of being as it was about a year ago dotted one here another there is now crowded, scarcely a vacant seat to be found nearly every time that Mr. Merrill preaches.

Our praise meetings are well attended and all seem to enjoy those blessed means, the week night prayer meetings are very sweet, God seems very near, and are much better attended. Mr. Merrill is not only a talented preacher and good christian but he is a shrewd business man and gives his best licks for God, following the precepts of our blessed Master, wise as serpents yet harmless as doves. Seeing the necessity of some resorting place besides the drinking and gambling saloons, he labored under great difficulties to establish a young man's reading room although discouraged by Mr. Wright he persevered with indomitable spirit until he has not only a young man's reading room but in connection with Prescott Library Association established approximate value of room about \$1,000.

His visits to Williamson Valley are discontinued till spring on account of the weather. Mr. and Mrs. Merrill are much beloved by all God grant them long lives. May his blessings rest upon them, his spirit abide with them, and when it pleaseth him to call them home may he give them a happy entrance into glory is the earnest prayer of

Yours in Christ,  
E. Roberts.

P. S. Enclose find \$2 for past and ensuing year of the "Rocky Mountain Presbyter" Great pleasure in our family.

A statement of facts ascertained concerning the title etc. of the Idaho Springs Presbyterian Church.

1.

The Church is chartered. (See card of Rev. Wilson Georgetown)

ii.

Three lots were bought by Calvin Camp, who was then a trustee of the Church, of Wilson for \$300.

iii.

The time of purchase not ascertained, probably 1871 or 1872. Do not know if there was a deed or to what party it was made over. Have no plot or description of the lots.

iv.

Calvin Camp holds two notes on the Rev. Rice, former pastor of the Church. One of these notes is for \$120, dated July 1872; the other is for \$100 dated April 1873. Both these notes bear interest at 2% per month from date.

v.

The Rev. Rice says that this money was expended in plastering and seating the Church and claims that it ought to be refunded to him by the Church.

v.

We did not regard the debt as legally binding, nor morally since he contracted it on his own responsibility, without making any provision for its payment before or after the engagement. Yet we gave him the proceeds of a festival \$50 March 2d 1878.

E. P. Welsh. S. S.

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Laranie Fyoming  
January 30, 1877.

Dear Brother Jackson,

There has fallen a blot upon our Church which has sunk heavily upon my own heart. The report was on the streets yesterday, that nineteen hands were to be discharged from the machine shops and brown houses of the company for the crime of stealing coal. Among whom were Wardman and Mcperson, one an elder and the other a newly ordained deacon in our Church and both capital fellows. The circum-

stances in both cases were trivial but the company wishing to make an example of them have dealt heavily with them. My experience here has been a sad one. The field is one of the hardest I was ever in not excepting Pueblo. Mrs. H. and I myself to support its "esprit de Cor" have spent in labors and in money hard onto two hundred dollars and just as we supposed the darkness was passing away this blot has fallen upon us. Our week of prayer was one of the most profitable I ever spent and gave satisfaction to all. The labor of the two Churches is falling upon me as far as preaching is concerned. Our whole town has been canvassed and prayer made in nearly every house and our cottage prayer meetings have been held in all the different localities of the place. Our Sabbath school has doubled and on Sabbath evening our house was crowded and seats in the aisles but this is not saying so very much when we think how small it is. It is on the heel of all this we have this sad experience depriving the Church of two of its largest and most important families.. We have also to meet a suit relative to the property of brother Arnold suing us for a mortgage of \$1,600. I feel crushed still I know that the Lord is on the throne and doeth all things well. Pray for us and if you have time let me hear from you. There has a Methodist minister gone to Rawlins who gives satisfaction. My work there is at an end as my commission only embraces Laramie Our congregations had increased up to the last time that I was there.

I have not heard relative to the health of your family. I hope that Bessie has recovered.

Kind regards to Mrs. J. and the children

Yours in the Gospel

W. E. Hamilton.

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Girard, Pennsylvania,  
February 1st 1877.

Dear brother Jackson,

I presume the thing is done, the bargain consummated and now awaits execution. Your letter containing a certificate of the action of the Church in Boulder together with your telegram announcing the action of Valmont all came to hand the same day. I will ask my congregation to release me next Sabbath that is the 4th inst. then I shall have to call a special meeting of the Pres'y, then after getting permission from the congregation and Pres'y to emigrate, I shall be ready to begin to get ready to leave. I presume you know that I can get the necessary appointment and appropriations from the board. I know that the Board is hard pressed. These are exceedingly important points for missionary work, but there are a great multitude of just such important fields, and I only want such a salary as will be sufficient for my needs but I wish to be quite free from worldly care in order the more effectively and actively to cultivate the Lord's field. I expect to go to work in my new field with new energy and consecration. I am in perfect health and so are my wife and children and we will do what we can to lead the Churches of our new charge up upon a self supporting basis. I think it is a work which I will peculiarly enjoy.

I cannot say just when we will start. We have a good deal to do before we can possibly depart, but we will go as soon as we can. If you are getting my commission from the Board, perhaps you may as well get it dated April 1st.

I have a hard coal (anthracite-) stove and a wood cooking stove and a coal oil stove. I am impressed with the idea that a species of soft coal is the only fuel in use in Boulder. Am I correct? I shall endeavor to get a car to run through to Denver with our goods. I believe the route from Denver to Boulder is different so that a change of car will be necessary.

If it be not too much trouble to you, I should be please to have you forward to me some sort of R. M. map of the present conditions of the railroads in Boulder Co. also a copy of one of the Denver papers, I want to catch the spirit of the country in which I expect to spend the remainder of my life.

I will write to Brother Lockwood of the Church in Boulder very soon and let him know my decision in reference to their call.

Your brother in Christ,  
W. R. Moore.

Nebraska City, Nebraska,  
February 2d, 1877.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir,

Today, February 2 I have received your letters one containing \$100 and the other containing letters to General Passenger Agents of R. R. As yet I have not received any moneys from the Board of Home Missions, if I should will remit you \$58. I cannot express my gratitude for the great favor you have conferred upon me.

May God bless you in your noble work.

Respectfully yours, Mrs. Darley.

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Hairplay, Col.,  
February 6, 1877.

My dear brother Jackson,

I have sent you some notes for the R. M. P. the lamentation of the weeping prophet. Do wish I could tell you of the good work of the Lord in our midst and so make your heart glad. But clouds and darkness are gathered over us thick. The Lord's time has not yet come to give us a glimpse of his glory.

Have never had a darker time than the few weeks past. It does seem as if the heavens were brass. It may be the fault is all in me. I do try not to lean on an arm of flesh, but as yet no help comes from the Almighty arm. Has the Lord as yet made an open door for your coming? All here will be glad to see you, and certainly in that event the Lord will put gladness in my heart.

I made an effort to go down on the South Arkansas last week but failed. Will go perhaps next week.

Fraternally yours,  
W. P. Taitsworth.

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Greely, Col.,  
February 6, 1877.

Dear brother Jackson,

I have given up the charge of the Greely Church and the pulpit will be vacant after the last Sabbath of

this month. I expect at that time to return my commission to B. of H. Missions. I intended to have vacated the pulpit immediately after the Committee were here but on account of a festival at the holidays and the week of prayer I deferred it to this time.

Remembering Mr. Easton I think it is perhaps best I should not attempt to make any arrangements for getting

Yours Fraternally

R. G. Thompson.

P. S. I will return to you the letters you inclose to me, as soon as the congregation shall have had an opportunity to see them.

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Lake City, Col.,  
February 6, 1877.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,  
Denver, Colorado,

Dear Sir,

After an absence of about a year I am about to return to the Presbyterian fold, and as I am uncertain since Mr. Sturtevant's departure to whom I should address my request for a letter of dismissal from the Congregational Church, I will ask you to be kind enough to present it for me and ask that my letter be forwarded to me here.

The Church here is I think prospering, but is still in many ways needy. The subject most prominent before me now is music of which I may say we have none. The congregation has been using the Moody and Sankey "Gospel Hymns" which are excellent in many ways but unsuited for Sabbath service in a Church which has crystallized. Partly for this reason there has been no choir since last fall. The Church has the use of an organ and recently a gentleman has volunteered to play it if books can be secured and a choir organized. The choir I think we can manage but shall we be able to secure the books without asking for aid. We learn through Mr. Walter Ainslee late of Las Animas, that there are at that point a quantity of books, hymnals he thinks which are not in use, and he thinks that we might secure some of these if you would interest yourself for us far enough to make our request there. We have sometimes a congregation of two hundred and would like books enough to supply such a congregation. bearing in mind that one book is enough for two persons and that many do not sing. But for the choir we would like half a dozen copies of the large edition containing the music complete. If you can aid us in securing these, or any part of them we shall be truly

grateful.

Mr. Geo. Darley who is just now visiting under my humble roof, has just received yours of the 31st ult. He has been ill lately and his right hand is now sore so that he cannot write. He wished me to express to you his sincere thanks to you for your great kindness and says he will write you himself as soon as he is able. He is a gentleman of large experience of the world and we like him much.

Trusting that you may be able to help us about the books I remain

Yours very sincerely,  
E. D. Bouton.

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Prescot, Arizona,  
February 7, 1877.

Dear Doctor Jackson,

I wrote you a short letter last week, but we have since had our communion service of which you wish to learn. Seven persons united with the Church, making our membership twenty. We are greatly encouraged by the fact that Christians are flocking together and uniting for common work. The early settlers of this territory were obliged to band together for mutual protection from the Apaches. So Christians here who are surrounded by the enemies of Christ feel the need of banding together. We have members from the Episcopal, Baptist and Congregational Churches. They have come to us willingly for they all feel that if members do not come together and unite, the world will be very slow in its movements towards the Church.

I want to ask a bit of advice. Our collections are large, averaging over twenty dollars a Sabbath. Dr. Kendall wrote me to use the money collected as I thought best. I am casting about to find a good lot for the Church. Would you advise me to pay five hundred dollars for a number one lot the best in town for a Church, fronting the Capitol block, or shall we get one in a poorer location for two hundred dollars? I think it is high time for us to strike, for the Capitol bill is passed and property is increasing in value with great rapidity.

Your papers for the reading room and for Mr. Otis and others have arrived. Our reading room is an ornament to the place. I have worked hard for it. We have raised nearly \$1,200 in cash for it paying \$500 for the building and \$200 for fixing it up. We have a literary society numbering forty members which meets every Tuesday evening for debates, essays, selections, recitations etc. It will help our Church very

much as many men here are sunk so low that they cannot pass to a Church at one step. The Reading Room will be a stepping stone.

Regards to Mrs. Jackson,  
J. A. Merrill.

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Lake City, Col.,  
February 12, 1877.

Dear Brother,

Yours of January 30th received. I feel grateful for your favor and should have answered sooner but my health would not permit. Yesterday I preached for the first time in three weeks. I hope soon to recover my health. I shall write to the ladies of the second Presbyterian Church, Allegany City. I prize the leaflet which you sent me very much. As soon as I receive my salary from the Board I will send you the \$58 which you were so kind as to loan me. I have often felt that the Lord was trying me to see what kind of material I was made of. Yet with all my temporal losses I have tried to feel that what ever befall me Jesus doeth all things well.

Everything in connection with our Church is going on nicely. The Sunday School is increasing in numbers and also in interest. Hope to have the pleasure of meeting you before the year is out.

Yours in the one hope  
Geo. M. Darley.

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Taos, Taos Co., New Mex.  
February 12, 1877.

Rev. S. Jackson, D. D.  
Dear Sir,

Your very kind letter came to hand. Thank you for your trouble to secure a family pass on the R. F. to St Louis. I will ask here if you can give me the address of some one in Chicago who would likely be able to secure me a similar pass from St Louis to Chicago. I should be happy to meet you in the upper country. I purpose leaving for Conegas on the 27th and will be in Conegas's valley, if the Lord

will, on the evening of the 28th of March. I expect to be absent two weeks or thereabouts. Will visit several vilages in Conejas county also Castilla and Colebra in Castilla County. I would be glad to have your company and help at each of these places.

You asked me about Miss Benkins. I cannot say whether she wants a place in this territory or not. I have not asked her. As to her fitness, she does'nt fill the bill in anything here. She greatly lacks competence as a teacher for Taos, and zeal and energy as a missionary. Mark you I do not say anything against the lady as a Christian lady but only as to her fitness for a missionary helper at Taos. It will be absolutely necessary for me should I be able to go to Chicago to go with as little expense as possible hence I cannot say whether it is practicable for me to stop for a meeting of Synod or not.

We are all well at present.

Yours very truly,

James M. Roberts.

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Fort Defiance, Arizona Ter  
February 13th 1877.

Rev. and dear Sir,

I have delayed answering your letter until I could tell you something definite about the time of issue of annuities. The time of issue will probably not be earlier than the 7th of April. I will have to go to the Pueblos previous to issuing to the Navajoes and will visit all the vilages to enroll them and issue a lot of goods and it will be a good opportunity for you to see them all. Now for transportation, the Incidental Express fund appropriated for New Mexico is only a third of the usual amount and consequently the Ambulance is not fit to own, the horses and two mules will be sold in a few days, so that we are on foot or nearly so. I have made arrangements with Mr. W. Rosenthal for two seats in his ambulance for your self and the Rev. Mr. Smith of Sante Fe. He will have one or two others who will go there to witness the distribution of annuities. You will also meet a few of the military people at the same time. I will try to secure transportation for the rest of your party.

Mrs. S. is sick and at her home in the states, so that I cannot promise you that you will be as well taken care of as if she were here but I will make you welcome which is the most important.

Very truly yours Alex. G. Swine.

Boulder, Col.,  
February 13th, 1877.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother,

Enclosed you will find the letter from brother Moore to you which has been going the round of the trustees or I would have returned it sooner. I see by reading it over that he does expressly say "I am willing to undertake Boulder" which is equivalent to saying that he will accept our call, so that the letters from him which I sent to Brother Bliss yesterday are the more unaccountable. Not knowing whether you were in Denver or not just at present I sent those letters to Brother Bliss instead of to you, supposing that if you were there he would show them to you before returning them to me. Our people will be much disappointed if this arrangement falls through, and I have my appeal to the home board ready to send with the application for a commission as soon as this uncertainty is removed.

Yours fraternally,

R. B. Lockwood.

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48 West 10th St., N. Y. Cit  
February 14th, 1877.

Dear Brother,

The letter enclosed from Mr Roberts came safely. We who have so long felt a deep interest in New Mexico, rejoice in the openings which are now made and pray that the Lord will send the means to enable us to carry on the work more effectually. We should be very glad if we could send McKingly to Taos, but I do not at present see our way clear to do so although we are considering seriously ways and means. If the ladies Societies formed for Home Missions and only able to contribute small sums united with us, the "littles" put together which are almost lost in general work, would make a sum to carry on this good cause. I had a long conference with Dr. Kendal, a few days ago, and also with Dr. Jackson and I find them both thoroughly imbued with the spirit of doing for New Mexico and aiding in every point and recommending our carrying on the school as all helps. If you will send me papers of March which you say are to be on New Mexico, I will distribute them for the advancement of the cause. I would like to get in correspondence with Mrs. McMain. Can you give me her address? I think we might be mutual helps. I enclose fifty cents for the "Rocky Mountain Presbyter" March numbers.

Yours very truly,

J. M. Graham.

Prescot, Arizona,  
February 15th, 1877.

Dear Doctor Jackson,

I am now casting about for a Church lot. There are two or three in town which parties will donate but they are not desirable for a Church. There are two or three places that I almost covet. One is a corner 150 x 150 directly opposite the capital block (north) and facing it. It is just on the divide between the business and residence portions of the town. It is the place of all places for a Church. Col. Head owns it and offers it for \$1,500 for this purpose. I can secure an inferior location for \$500 or \$600 but my heart is set on this.

Regards to Mrs. Jackson from Mrs. Merrill and myself. I hear good reports from Brother Anderson.

Cordially yours,

John A. Merrill.

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Del Norte Colorado,  
February 15th, 1877.

Dear Brother,

Yours received etc. A new lightcovered two-seated ambulance and two horses in new harness can be secured from one of my members, a stable keeper for \$5 a day, we doing our own driving etc. He goes to St Louis shortly to purchase such and several more. I expect Mrs. Geo. Darley here next Saturday as she failed to come today, and expected to start on the twelfth. By the grace of God we have rescued for Christ and good repute the most noted harlot of Del Norte. She is a real lady, only twenty years old, led astray after leaving home because of bad treatment, an orphan, intelligent and a great favorite with us all. As we have received the Lord Christ may he bless us as he did Simon Peter though we have toiled all night and only caught this fish. We felt in receiving her that if Jesus had been housekeeping here he would have done the same Sinners of the City came first to him. May she be but the first.. We are still at it. This is the sixth week. I am in Romans, 4th chapter and have preached that far. Postmaster here says "Papers not specially renewed by subscription to R. M. Pres. ought to be stopped as law forbids" Different now from formerly.

Love to all. Pray for us. I should like to take the trip with you and will if God permits. I'll need it by that time. I hope the Lord will visit Del Norteseon for we are faint. Many thanks for favors. to Geo. Alex. M. Darley.



Del Norte, Colorado,  
February 17, 1877.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Just received this today. I've written Mills to go ahead. Will ask Geo to go over if snow at all permits. Have sent necessary papers to Mills. You write him and tell him what can be done for him. I've said that you intended to have Geo. go over etc there this year. Mills used to be at Colorado Springs. You may remember him. Regards to all.

Yours Fraternally,  
Alex. H. Darley.

Ouray, Colorado,  
February 6, 1877.

Rev. A. H. Darley

Del Norte, Colorado.

My dear Sir and Christian Friend,

You will recall your parting words to me when in Del Norte viz: "To look up our interests." This I have done and more so since your promise to come in the spring and form a society for us. As I told you I had made endeavors to get up a Sabbath School & other Church society so had I, but with no success. This winter two Methodist brothers found themselves and unbeknown to me on my absence out of town opened a prayer meeting and decided to open a Sabbath School following Sabbath and continue Prayer meetings in the evening. The following Sabbath I was in town and at Sabbath School. Mr F. F. Miller (Methodist) was elected superintendent. He is a good one and an excellent singer. assistant Sup't, A. E. Paff, Ditto Tagg. Thos. Scott Sec., Charles E Porter (Presbyterian) Librarian. We resolved to call the S. S. "The Union Sabbath School of Ouray" Our evening meetings are conducted by A. J. Sporr, F. F. Miller and myself more particularly those two, I assisting by sitting with and making a few remarks. Everything looks promising but in a small state, destined to grow and amount to a Church Society. I see this plainly and know their ideas. They are not as warm and cordial to me as were they, Presbyterians, of course, but we are good Christian friends and work and fight together. Tomorrow they go alone to the Park. Ten miles below on W. river, to hold a prayer meeting. Most Christians and surely Presbyterians would have invited me but not so they go alone and God bless them I say. But I do not want the Presbyterian to be else than the first to build its society permanently in this place and especially when I know what I can do for it of and by myself, God helping me. I do not feel jealous of them as the world does towards each other, though I am jealous to do good for the Master. I relate this to show you the disposition shown towards me. I am

in favor of union and preach it but this is no union. Church unless a Methodist Church gets first foothold and then it is union so far that they think so. A Methodist Church will struggle to life first & very good. Why should Presbyterians stand behind, when they can be first. I do not want our Church behind, if first, we will stand advantage and be alone a long time. The plan can be similar to Lake. To establish our Church will need to have you here very early before any other minister can come in. It is hard telling when a Methodist minister may not appear, He may come any moment. It is severe to ask of you in this time but it has occurred to me in this light, viz, that were you in here to preach to us and get acquainted, we could decide on organization and make efforts through subscription for a Church edifice, if not in cash in promissory notes due say July 1st, when money will be plenty here; then seeing what we could raise here, present our position to the Board and also when I go East in March I would show my father and friends (Who have means and would help me) our efforts and strive to do what I could myself when in N. Y. I feel I could raise from five to eight hundred dollars I have many and wealthy friends, know rich Churches and Sabbath Schools etc. Anyway if I go with the determination to raise all I can, I will get something out of every friend I have, if it is not more than five cents. If I do say so myself, I can say I know I am a good beggar if they do not give in the proper motive they will give to get rid of me. Begging is not altogether pleasant but one's pet his Church, and his beliefs are in the question, he feels he can do every thing with delight. To come to the spiritual point I want to see a Church here very much but it is not in me to wish a Methodist Church first or support or aid one so heartily. You see being directly identified with it, I can do more among my friends than otherwise. I am Presbyterian all over. It runs in my blood. My grandfather was fed on the catechism in old Scotland, and was an elder in the Presbyterian Church as is my father today. I am not bigoted or prejudiced. I am - have Presbyterianism and support- if not support heartily the Church in its place. If you advise me in the face of everything to go ahead and see what I can raise for a Presbyterian Church I will go ahead. The principle is just here, that to beg successfully East, I must be able to show what we have done here, "The Lord helps those who help themselves." Is it not customary to beg money in frontier town for a Church and not state denomination? It might be a Methodist trick hardly becoming to a Presbyterian. I have no idea of starting and being unsuccessful. I want to start safe and sure and then we can keep that way. The roads are quite severe and you would experience difficulty but what an advantage it would be if you could come in. Perhaps your brother in Lake might come over if you could not leave. I can enlist some helpers in the cause for a Church and will go ahead if you advise. Advise definitely the course to pursue and the

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amount the Church will probably cost. I can state that a pastor will be in in the spring and I pray God that he will send us a good sincere, earnest disciple if you do not come. A Union Church would work very well and be positively successful but who to preach. Do you advise such a course, "Union" If so I can go ahead. If Methodist Brothers were for Union they would be for having a Church and be at work getting it.

I met one of the Methodist Bishops riding with a Canon minister and he said that they would be in before long.

Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Congregationalists, and Baptists would hitch alright and so would Methodists if we were in first. Please write me very soon as I want your views. I expect to go East in March. Hoping your health is good and God's abundant blessings pour out upon you and your mission work, I remain, very sincerely a brother in Christ, to whom be all power and glory forever, amen,

E. S. Mills Jr.

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Middle Granville, N. Y.,  
January 31, 1877.

My dear Brother,

I have resigned my position here where I have been ever since I was licensed two years ago, to take effect April 1st. When I came here the Church had been closed four months by internal divisions and there was a debt on it of nearly \$3,000. I had not the slightest intention of remaining here but as they were united on me I felt that I ought not to leave at once. Now however harmony is restored and the Church debt is paid I feel it my duty to seek another field. My wife is feeble and I ought for her sake seek a milder climate. I have a good voice and am reputed a good speaker, am in excellent health and am not afraid of work. I would refer to any member of this Church- the elders being- G. N. Pates, A. Corant, F. Hall, F. Hammond, L. Crosby, S. Guilford, and D. G. Humphrey. Also to any member of Troy Pres'y but will name- Rev. E. P. Sprague, Salem., Rev. Lewis Kellogg, North Granville., A. B. Lanebeck, D. D. Rupert. Also to my brother Rev. C. F. Dowd, Saratoga., also to my cousin, Rev. F. M. Fiel of Evangelist, N. Y. City.

Can you aid me by putting me in communication and getting me a hearing with some vacant Church or Churches in your locality. If so you will confer a favor on

Yours fraternally,  
W. W. Dowd Jr.

Golden, Colorado.,  
February 19th, 1877.

Dear brother Jackson,

I enclose this letter for your perusal and action. We have closed our meetings, preached all of last week myself and held communion service yesterday. We received eleven on profession of good faith and three by letters. There is still a deep interest manifest and some will come out yet who are hesitating. Our Church was filled on Sabbath and every one remained to the communion service. The Church was very beautifully decorated with flowers and vines for the occasion. One husband and wife came out together, in another instance a mother and daughter on profession of faith. Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Abbot and Armie Patterson were also among the number. We hope this is but the beginning of better things. (Five of the above were baptized yesterday)

Very truly yours in Christ,  
R. L. Stewart.

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Canon, Colorado.,  
February 20, 1877.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother,

On my way home I sent a telegram to one of the Pueblo <sup>elders</sup> to meet me at the depot, but did not see him and presume he was out of town or for some other reason did not get the dispatch in time hence have seen none of session personally since I saw you.. Train only waited for dinner or I should have found some one. Since my return I entrusted the matter to our elder Brewster & he reports as follows- The Society of Pueblo held a meeting and decided on a course of action. Will endeavor to raise enough funds to enable them with aid of Board to secure the services of a young man. This you may have already heard from Pueblo. Such a state of affairs is much more encouraging than I had hoped for and no doubt you will be glad as well as me if our Sister Church can thus get a star. Of course it remains to be seen whether or not the money will in reality be secured, however the people are in earnest and that is half the battle. How long an interval till the new preacher comes is the question. I presume unless that interval be a short one I had better render my services to preach

once a month till he comes. Please send me what instructions you may deem needful. My congregations are larger than ever since my return and all is cheering. Contributions are also larger. The interest is greater than any time since I began preaching. There are some prospects of the new road being extended over the mountains by way of the Grande Canyon.

Hope you are all well.

Yours sincerely,

Geo. N. Smith.

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Mt. Pleasant, Utah,  
February 21, 1877.

Dear Brother Jackson,

I arrived on Saturday at eight P. M. I accomplished all I had hoped to at Monroe and also with that family on Servier. Three names were secured for membership in my Mt. Pleasant Church. That makes five with more to hear from. Your sermon made a good impression here and will help the work greatly.

I enclose an abstract of the minutes of the Presbytery also the action respecting your salary. Mr. Bunge gave me many interesting items which he does not want published and I am sure he is not too cautious. Quinn had not prepared anything. There are endowments oaths upon them with death penalties and there are destroying angels still ready to do the will of the Lord, so they beg to be excused from what they willingly but too hastily promised. I will give some facts by tomorrow's mail which you can use, but the paper containing them must not be circulated in Utah.

I had a letter from Bird. He is willing but not anxious to return to Utah.

In haste, yours fraternally,

D. J. McMillan.

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Evanston, Wyoming Terr.,  
February 28, 1877.

Dear brother Jackson,

Last evening I went to Hilliard and had a profitable time, congregations all on the increase, ten smelting works are all now in operation, and the ore is shipped from Utah by the Plume Co., who think it will be cheaper to ship the ore to Hilliard than the char-coal to Utah. Of course it is an experiment and should it prove a success the town

Sante Fe, New Mexico,  
March 2d, 1877.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Denver, Colorado,

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 1st ult. was received in due time. I was very glad to get the encouraging word in regard to a good school for Zuni. I have been bestowing a good share of my attention upon that Pueblo during the last three months and have now quite a desire to get a permanent school established at that point. I was out there in December and on my way home touched at Fort Wingate and had quite a talk with Dr. Landerdale in regard to Zuni. The Dr. is and has been very much interested in that Pueblo and has done a good deal of writing in their interests to his friends in the East. The Mormons are now settling about the Pueblo with an eye on the Indians and their land, and if we send a teacher there it can not be done too soon. I have the means till the 30th of June next to pay a teacher there at the rate of \$600 per annum. I expect to also have the means to do the same for one year from that date. If the school could be made large enough to warrant it and assistant teacher could probably be employed at \$30 per month. I usually have the means to pay five or six teachers and for that reason I feel pretty sure of having enough for at least two during the next year. As Hayes has been declared elected President I do not anticipate any change in Indian management for a while at least. I presume our school could be started any time, but the most favorable time would be late in the fall after the grain is all secured and when the Indians would all be gathered in from the different farming districts at the main Pueblo, say the 1st of November. I know know of no conditions that would be imposed by the Government except the regular performance of school duties, and a report of the same at the close of each month. The Indian Bureau is now disposed to be quite helpful in the matter of Pueblo schools.

I cannot say anything definite in regard to the transportation you desire. In the first place my ambulance is in the shop undergoing thorough repairs and painting. The painter hopes to have it out in three and I do not see why he cannot unless the weather continues cold and damp too long. The Pueblos of Acoma and Laguna are in quite a muddle over their boundaries and it is not improbable that I will have to be out there at the time you want to come from Taos. The dispute is expected to reach a crisis in two or three weeks through a survey that is now going on, and I have promised the governor of Acoma to appear promptly for his chastisement if he does not come down from his present position in due time. That trip would require the use of two horses. If I do not have to go out there, I will try to get to Taos some time during this month, but would try to arrange so as to send the team for you

after that trip or else so as to be there when you arrive and send you to Sante Fe while I attend to my business at Taas and have the team return for us. I expect to take my family. That is the long of it. The short of it is this- If I can arrange so as to spare the team I will be in Taas in time to start back on the morning of the 23d and if you do not find it there you will have to get a conveyance at Taas. If I can arrange to send you to Laguna I will do that. Take the year round the team is idle enough of the time to do this easily, the difficulty is to work up to your time.

I am not very much saddened by the political news this morning, are you?

Yours very truly,

B. K. Thomas.

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Fairplay, Colorado,  
March 5, 1877.

My dear brother Jackson,

Yours of the 3d inst. containing four dollars is just at hand. Will do my best to do as requested. Blessed be God for help from source. I have received as yet from this field only twenty dollars. I cannot stand it long on such pay. I am now fearful that my salary here will be like Carribon- all promise and no money. Have just returned from South Arkansas. Spent a Sabbath.- Scattered appointments all along. Preached five times at South Arkansas, once in Doby Park, once at Brown Creek, once at Weston's, once at Hartzel's and twice in private families. I visited and prayed in families all I could. I received for this service half of all I have received here. I have arranged for the organization of a Church on the South Arkansas on the first Sabbath in April. We can organize there with about twenty members. I believe we can also organize a Church at Brown Creek. Hartzel gave me his horses and carriage and so the cost of going and returning was nothing. Well it was, or it would have made me a broken merchant. I had expected you to say something about making Fairplay a visit. We need your services here the very worst. Please arrange to come if you possibly can to be here by the last Sabbath in March. Come up as early as Tuesday evening previous and assist me in some extra services, and then you can go along with me to the South Arkansas and assist in the organization there. If Fairplay is not going to pay the four hundred dollars pledged the sooner we know it the better. If they are going to pay but two hundred dollars, why then we had better at once unite them

with South Arkansas. At any rate something must be done. I cannot find bread and butter out of these winds. I have never in my life been so cramped.

Write and tell me just what is best. Tell me also if you can come at the time suggested. We cannot strike at a better time on South Arkansas or Brown Creek. All are now hungry for the Gospel. The whole field is now open to us. We should not neglect the opportunity. Will write you an article for the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian, giving you sketches and incidents about that field. Will have it reach you by the 10th so that you can put it in the April number.

Fraternally yours,

W. P. Teitsworth.

P. S. If you cannot come by the last Sabbath in March, then come to the organization at South Arkansas and return with me to Fairplay. Either way will suit. This last suggested perhaps better than the first.

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Fairplay, Colorado,  
March 6th, 1877.

Dear brother Jackson,

I send you the article promised for the April number of the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian. You have now two in hand. Perhaps you may deem both unworthy, but if you publish send a few copies back to Brown's Creek and South Arkansas. I believe I have said nothing but what will be gladly received and commended by all. And if you publish but send me a few extra copies. I will endeavor to have my friend East subscribe for it. I believe you can get a goodly number of subscribers on the South Arkansas and Brown's Creek.

Please forget not to arrange your affairs to unite with me in all the services suggested in my letter of yesterday. The door is now wide open to us in Lake County. All we have to do is to enter and occupy and such an opportunity should not be lost. I believe all in every evangelical denomination are ready to enter the organization. The main trouble here at Fairplay is as to my absence two months. They do not wish to pay for that. It was their own agreement and I would not care to lose it, but for my necessities. I believe your presence will be able to adjust all. We will pray to this end. I neglected yesterday to send the receipt requested but send it now. By the way, Samuel Hartzel is going to be married the first of April to a wealthy widow on South Arkansas and I have in hand no appropriate certificate. Could you bring me one when you come? Both are rich. I presume they would



like a nice one. Of course this is very private news.

Fraternally yours etc

W. P. Teitsworth.

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Greely Colorado,  
March 6, 1877.

Dear brother Jackson,

Last Sabbath evening, the congregation at Greely held a meeting and by a unanimous vote most earnestly asked and urged me to re-occupy their pulpit. I am at loss to know what to do. I have not yet given them an answer. If I understood you aright, you were cognizant of the nature of the report of the investigating Committee that came to Greely and also of the action of the Committee of H. and M. of Pres. in the matter. If I knew the nature of that report on which Dr. Kendal says, the H. M. Committee based their action it would perhaps enable me to decide. It would seem that these Committees followed paths that were crooked and ways that were dark. The Church here is anxious to know the nature of the Lockwood report, and I think will not be satisfied without it. Since it has been made public and acted on by the H. M. Committee they are undoubtedly entitled to it. As you doubtless know what the report was as made to the H. M. Committee will you gratify the Church and preserve their esteem by stating candidly and fully the nature of their report. I have no doubt but that frankness, candor, and brotherly kindness will do more to remove the present complications than the present course of these Committees. If the Pres. will put on its committees fair, devout, judicious and sound Presbyterians and the affairs of the board of H. M. be conducted as they ought to be on the principle of practical wisdom and fairness, there would be no trouble between you and me or the Pres. It is because the rules and the provisions of the constitution of the Church have been so often violated and the funds of the Church appropriated by the

(a) that we are not today a unit, a band of brethren in the service of Christ.. If the brethren of the Pres'y would set themselves to reform these things instead of pitching on any one who resists their will no matter how unjust or unconstitutional that will may be, they would be doing the Lord and his Church better service than their recent and former acts would seem to indicate. Now brother you have hither to complained that I have not advised with you. please accept this in the kind spirit it is intended and for the disavowal you made last Sabbath. I am not so unjust as to hold

(a) Board by the recommendation of the Presbytery on the principal of "check" and "romance"

you responsible for the evils of which we complain. Let there be no strife between us.

R. G. Thompson.

March 7, 1877.

Yours of yeaterday received and I presume that the Church can secure a copy of that report by sending money to the stated clerk to pay for copying. I heard the report read and can only speak of it from memory so that my impressions of it may not be correct. My impressions are that they recommended first that it was not expedient under the circumstances for Greeley and Evans to go together. Second while speaking kindly of you and your work yet under the circumstances they thought it advisable that there should be a change of ministers at Greeley. The above two recommendations is all that I remember of the report.

Sheldon Jackson.

Pueblo, Colorado,  
March 7, 1877.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Brother,

Yours of the 2d is at hand. We are glad to hear from you. We should be glad to correspond with Mr. Reed but we dislike very much to encourage on our own responsibility any one so far away for fear of disappointment. The Rev. Charles A. Holm of the theological Seminary at Chicago has been referred to us and he is personally known to some here and it is said that he intends coming to Colorado soon anyway and we have thought some of corresponding with him. Do you know anything about him? He has been highly recommended. For the last month we have had a young Baptist minister preaching for us. The people are well pleased with him. He goes this week to Greeley.

We shall be glad to hear from you immediately.

Fraternally yours,

Joseph Hughes.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Fort Collins, Col.,  
March 8, 1877.

We have acknowledged the receipt of Cincinnati box, and have since received a card from them. Longmont goes on as usual at slow pace. Our Church is completed outside and looks very nice. What can you get the wire screening for windows

for? one fourth inch mesh.

When you publish those articles of ours please send us a few extra copies. i. e. if-

Yours very truly,

D. E. Finks.

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Pueblo, Colorado,  
March 9, 1877.

Rev. Geo. M. Smith,  
Dear Brother,

In reference to the action of the Pres'. to supply this pulpit we have this to say that for some time past we have had the pulpit occupied by a young Baptist preacher and in the future will be occupied by presiding Elder Smith so you see that for the time being we are supplied. We hope to have a settled pastor before long.

Many thanks to you and the Presbytery.

Fraternally yours,

Joseph Hughes.

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Princeton, N. J.,  
March 10, 1877.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Dear Sir,

I am going to Missoula Montana as soon as Seminary closes. Mr. Rossett told me to write you for a letter to Thomas Kimball of Omaha for a half fare ticket from Omaha to Odgen on the Union Pacific R. R. Can you also procure half fare from Ogden to Missoula by the stage or narrow Gauge R. R.? Your visit here a year ago first turned my attention to the Western field. Do you know any way to get half fare from Chicago west? I am very sorry to trouble you so much but home Missionaries I suppose must economize in every way.

Hoping soon to be out in your territory, helping in the work, I remain

Yours truly,

M. L. Cook.

Please reply as soon as convenient.

Del Norte, Colorado,  
March 10, 1877.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Yours of the 4th at hand. This will leave on Monday's coach, via Veta. I hope to hear from you by mail that arrives today week or tomorrow at midnight. You will have to write immediately. I will meet you (D. V.) by Tuesday week that is on the 20th at Garland. My horse "Frank" is good from thirty to forty miles a day in my buck-board. I occasionally make from fifty to sixty a day, but I can keep it up to Sante Fe and back at first figures. He is stout though small. I've finished the last 16 miles of fifty or more in two and a half hours. You are a light weight and I'm not heavy except that we both are sometimes a ton on missionary work but that is not in avoirdupois. He can carry weight of baggage equal to seventy-five or a hundred pounds if necessary. So I will not get another horse. The only difficulty in the way is funds to go with. I am one hundred after borrowing away my last quarter now due. Can I borrow ten dollars of you, so as to have some change for expenses on road to Garland? If so send it and I will pay you in April. If you will devote that two dollars a day to my expenses on trip then I can go all right. I am bored over my debt. I hope some way or other the Lord will provide. I am glad of the chance of going with you and the others, so I will come and hope to get to Garland in the early afternoon of the 20th. Roads may delay me but I guess not. "Frank" is freshly shod and in good condition. I want a little change just now for I have preached forty-five of my very best sermons in the last thirteen weeks and prepared forty-three of them. I often make from Lake here eighty-five miles in two days. Geo. is in receipt of his first quartuage and it is well for he needed it. They call him Rev. Geo. Darley now up there.

One conversion and much revival in our meetings. Kept it up eight weeks. Receipts of Church last week \$988.

Regards to Mrs. Jackson and Brethren.

If I need anything special for the trip let me know.

Yours in the Lord,

Alex. M. Darley.

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Laramie City Wy.  
March 10 1877.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Our religious meetings have been continued till now but with no very marked results. Some of the have been very solemn and interesting and our house last

Sabbath was crowded and seats in the aisles, but we can count no converts. The prospect however of our being run over has past away and tis hoped that we are all finding our level and that God will be exalted in every house and heart. My main object in writing is in regard to our application to the Board of Church erection. I have written to Anderson and have heard no response. I feel sure that if it has been sent on I should have received the money as Dr. Wilson told me I could have it. I presume that we will all be informed of the time and place of next meeting of the Presbytery. If you have a spare copy of your last paper and could send it as well as not I would be obliged.

Your brother in Christ,  
W. E. Hamilton.

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Mt. Pleasant, Utah.  
March 12, 1877.

Dear Brother,

Drs. Kendal and Dickson are not willing for me yo go East before General Assembly. Then I shall (D. V.) be at Synod. Shall I get half fare to Omaha and lay over at Cheyenne or can I get half fare tickets over A. T. & S. F. R. R. Much trouble. Priests will fight. Too many forked tongues etc.

In great haste, yours  
D. J. McMillan.

Seven members so far.

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Colorado Springs, Colorado  
March 12, 1877.

Dear brother Jackson,

Yesterday we gathered in the fruit of our revival, fourteen united with our Church on profession of faith and three by letters. Fourteen also joined the cong. Church on profession of faith and two by letter and ten from a point fifteen miles East of Monument on the divide joined the Cong. Church making their number twenty-six. They have a total membership of eighty-eight and we ninety-four or counting Monument and Fountain we have one hundred and fourte members. There is a good feeling existing now between the two Churches and I trust no cause of strife will be tolerated

between us. The Lord has granted us a wonderful spirit of harmony, and so far as we know there has been no grasping after the fruits. We are now going, all the ministers and Churches in town, into the temperance work. I suppose the old fight must be fought over again. The Board think we ought to be self supporting now. True we have received twenty-four persons on profession during the past ten months but we are hardly any stronger in the money lines. They are all from our regular congregation or their families, and our Sabbath school. There are several others, children of the Church, who I trust, will unite with us soon, but they will add nothing to the Church support, save one or it may be two. The Churches are paying up with a good deal of promptness and the ladies have payed or pledged over a hundred dollars for a carpet for the Church, and I have secured money enough, \$25, and had weights attached to the Church windows. Mrs. G and I have self support under advisement, and if we decide we can live on \$900, we will not renew the application for money to the Board. We shall be better enabled to do this on account of a box from the ladies of the first Church, Philadelphia. It was the nicest missionary box I ever saw, worth not less than \$175.

Belle sends love to Mrs. Jackson and the girls with special invitation to Mrs. Jackson to attend the meeting of the Presbytery and the Synod here, and help on a missionary meeting. The ladies here organized a missionary soc. auxiliary to the board at New York and I send to day for them, \$20 to the Home Board part.

Paul is growing and is as mischievous a boy as you ever saw. He beats girls. Mrs. G joins in kind regards to your self and family.

Yours truly,

H. B. Gage.

Fairplay, Col.,  
March 14th, 1877.

Dear Sir,

My arrangements for South Arkansas are- preaching at Weston's, Monday night; Brown's Creek, Tuesday night; Doby Park's House, Wednesday night; Fries, South Arkansas, Thursday night; and the other nights on through the week. Organization, Sabbath, April 1st, and the Lord's Supper. Had hoped to hear from you ere this. Between twenty and thirty present at our last Wednesday meeting. Our Sabbath school now numbers sixty-three. Have a class of Chinamen.

Do arrange to come over and help us. I believe the Lord  
is paving the way. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Fraternally yours, W. P. Teitsworth.

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Rochester, Minn.  
March 14th, 1877.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Sir,

Early in February I received a letter in regard to the establishment of a new mission in N. among the Zuni. I could not intelligently answer till I had an opportunity to lay the proposal before the ladies Missionary Society, at a monthly meeting at the last of February. The ladies for the past year have been working for the Missions in Taas Valley. I had some communication with Mrs. Roberts. They are interested in that work and thought it not best to change as we are unable to raise the full amount to support a missionary, by ourselves. Personally I have been greatly interested in the Tunis from what Dr. Landerdale has written of them and I greatly desire to see a mission established among them. I hope the way may be opened to raise a salary for one ready to enter the work among them. I also received a bill for three "Rocky Mountain Presbytery" I think there has been a misunderstanding in regard to them. When I took the first copy, I paid for it. I was asked to take two or three others to circulate and find subscribers. I did, but did not report any subscribers, but I held myself responsible for only one copy. I should have notified your cashier. I will divide the expenses and send you two dollars which pays for one extra copy and my own, as I understand to December of this year. If you do not hear from me at that time let the subscription stop.

Wishing you the greatest blessings from our common  
Master in your arduous work

Very respectfully,

Sarah J. Nichols.

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No. 23 Center St., N. Y.  
March 14th/ 1877.

Dear Dr. Jackson,

We know nothing particularly about Rev S. P. Dillon, E. S. Scot, C. A. Muni, E. S. Schenck, Thos C. Easton, H. Cosper and R. S. Breece.

We know but little and do not feel like encouraging.- the same is true as far as knowledge is concerned with R. C. Ru stoper, John D. Osers and family.

We think Dr. Ealy ought to find work in his neighborhood. Rev. D. W. is under a cloud. Of L. G. Hayes, A. S. Peck, we think well. We understand Mr. R. G. Mc Niece goes to Salt Lake. Deems to Colorado, J. B. Donaldson and J. G. Brady, C. H. Richards and J. W. Reed are good men. R. A. Watson talks of going to Texas. J. W. Reed and C. A. Holm both expect to go to Pueblo and state their invitations from you and you will have to fix as between them. Reed is a good young man with ability. Chester and Adams are undetermined, I understand. I think these embrace your list.

Hope you are rested from your trip. Rev. S. R. Bird once of Brigham, Utah, and his brother in law, Rev. G. W. Leonard of Cleveland, I understand are ready to go to Utah. May he send forth laborers forth into his harvest.

With kind salutations to Mrs. Jackson and the young ladies- I am,

Yours truly,

Cyrus Dickson.

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Mount Pleasant, Utah,  
March 16th, 1877.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Letter of 12th received. Thanks for information and enclosed letter. Will write Cedar Rapids also Miss Dale. Send on the P. R. R. reports. I'll be glad to get them and will also meet additional expenses. I thank you for your trouble besides. If I go east via Cheyenne from Synod I can take them to C. and leave them till my return. I have written the Board recommending Bird for Salt Lake Valley south of Salt Lake City. H. P. Carson of Hardin, Ill. for Ephraim, Marin and Monroe.- Leonard, Bird's cousin for Cache Valley. I think however that Bird will go to Texas in which case Morgan Williams for San Petre and Carson for Salt Lake Valley Curtis sent the specimens of tin(?) promised. Carson is tough as a pine knot and an indefatigable worker and hardly capable of becoming discouraged. Bird, you know is very despondent



a weakness which almost unfits him for work among the Mor-  
mons, still he is a man of good capacity. I have another  
man ready for Utah, a real successful worker, Rev. A. W.  
Wright of Coulterville, Ill. Pres of Alton. I know him.  
I would rather risk him for the above field than either the  
above mentioned. I suppose you have heard that the Rev.  
R. G. Niece, senior of Princetown goes to Salt Lake City.  
I enclose directions for W. H. Jackson.

Yours fraternally,

D. J. McMillan.

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Lake City, Col.,  
March 19th, 1877.

Dear Brother,

Yours of the 12th at hand. I was pleased  
to hear from you. The package you have for me will be very  
acceptable. I am obliged to you for your kindness to me  
and for your kind remembrance of me in your prayer.

I intended to have started for Ouray this morning,  
but every one opposed my going on account of the deep snow.  
The distance is 110 to 130 miles which I expect to walk.  
I can make it in one week unless the snow is too deep that  
is I can try. I hope to be in Ouray by the 10th of April,  
God willing I shall be there before that time. I shall try  
and get to Animas and if possible to Mineral City. I can see no  
reason why we cannot be first. Mr. E. D. Bouton's  
letter received. He will be a great help in the Church. I  
preach to crowded houses/ Hope I will never again be bother-  
ed with M. E. Ministers.

Mrs. D. sends regards to you and yours. May God greatly  
bless you in your work. The tract you sent me reminds me  
of what I once heard a sailor say in Galveston, Texas at  
one of our noonday prayer meetings, held at the rooms of  
the V. M. C. A. He said "I used to think that Christ  
would save me but now I know that he has saved me".  
Don't you see the difference?

Yours in the one hope,

Geo. M. Darley.

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Longmount, Col.,  
March 19th, 1877.

Rev. S. Jackson, D. D.

Allow me to make you acquainted briefly with our doings as a Church, since you were last with us. Elder Stewart and myself visited Erie, and saw Williams and Hamilton. They pledged themselves for one hundred dollars towards supporting the gospel.. This amount was named to you in their letter so they say. We visited three other families, one Scotch, one Welsh, and one an American lady and her School. We were pleased with all we met and the prospects generally and came away feeling that we would like to be instrumental in helping them to get the simple Gospel for which they are literally starving.

Our Church has made a call on Mr. Deems and he has accepted. His year begins the first Sabbath in next May. He wants to send us a substitute for the first three months at his expense. To this we have agreed. Longmount congregations pledges itself for four hundred dollars including the one from Erie. We promise to try and get the Presbytery to recommend an appropriation for six hundred dollars for the first year and there after increase our own amount and lessen the amount received from the board so that his yearly salary and every year while with us shall be one thousand dollars. He is to take care of la Vrain. We want some active canvassers. The Elders are all too old or too lazy. We have two spry young brothers whom we wish to make deacons and will elect them next Sabbath. Some time in April we should like them ordained. The sacrament of the Lord's supper administered and a collection taken up for home missions. The Session desired me to say that you would confer a favor by appointing some Sablath in April to preach for us, and render the above service. You would have to work for nothing and pay your own expenses. Elder Stewart would be glad to entertain you. Mrs. Teitsworth has moved to her farm. Mr Deem's substitute will be a young man from the Seminary, so that we can't have the above services until Deem comes, unless we can get you or someone else to do us this favor. I think Egbert will be in the state in April. If you can't come we will try and get him. People won't come to Church to sit on benches without backs. Mr. Tinks is not coming any more. We have a good prayer meeting every Sabbath morning, followed by a Sabbath School which is well attended. We have lately had a present of a forty dollar library one hundred and fifty catechisms, have the promise of forty bibles, and a supply of hymn-books, adapted to public worship

Yours in Gospel bonds,

Sebastian Duncan.

Evans, Col.,  
March, 20, 1877.

Dear Brother Jackson,

I should have answered your letter ere this. I have not all the names of the people in the Animas Valley, as Mr. Kelly started for that place the day before I received your letter. I am in hopes that he called to see you as he said he would. I will give you the names of those we know and with whom we are acquainted, also the denominations to which they belong. Mrs. John Sullivan, Mrs. Maggie Sullivan, Mrs. J. P. Kelly, Presbyterians. James Pinkerton, Mrs Pinkerton, Mrs. Williams, daughter, Mrs. McAfee, daughter, the latter are covenantes, but I am persuaded that Mrs. Pinkerton, Mrs. Williams and the McAfees would heartily co-operate with and I think would unite with our Church. They are exceptionally good people, and not so stiff in their notions as most covenantes, but Mr. Kelly spoke of a number of other families who are religious and would rejoice in our organization.

I will get the names of others as soon as possible.

Yours in the Gospel,

John F. Stewart.

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Del Norte, Col.,  
March 24, 1877.

My dear Brother,

I am glad the 8th chapter of Romans, 28verse was written before this most unaccountable weeks record went into history. It just beats every thing. I never felt so the need of a rest and a run. I got the run, a hundred and twenty miles but very little rest. The very evening I got home I got your explaintory letter and promise of Mr. Jackson's coming. But I did not get your la Vete postal till an hour ago asking me to come to Taos. I believe I would have attempted the hundred miles but the card got caught in a registered letter package and I failed to get a start. I'd like to know what the Atlantic Ocean billows has to do with the mountains of Colorado, if the God is not the head of the whole earth. I am on the look out for the good". The Lord intends by extraordinary directions of my footateps at this time.

I thank him for it anyway, as I did all I could and will ye see his hand. The first \$5 covers all expenses and I'll send the second to you at Denver on your return. Would you not like to come up to Del Norte and go over to Lake City

for a short visit, when you return? I'll take you over and back from here. I hope Randall's visit will be in latter part of October, as I cannot leave home in November, I'm afraid.

Ask Brother Smith to return a letter written to me at Sante Fe by my wife.

Regards to the brethren and sisters.

Your brother,

Alex. M. Darley.

P. S. Many thanks for kindnesses to Geo

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Prescott, A. T.,  
March 24, 1877.

Doctor Sheldon Jackson,

My dear brother in Christ,  
Have time to write only a word. We were made very happy this A. M. by Mr. Merrills saying that you might visit Prescott soon. We do hope you will come. Rev. J. Merrill is a prize. To say that we all love him is not enough. One word about salary. He ought to have \$2500 per year as he cannot live on less than \$2,000. We can pay \$500 and I suppose you think ought to do more, but when you remember that Prescott has built a \$15,000 Church building and a Church for the people on the west side of the Creek, also a \$2,000 Reading Room (And this all largely by subscription) in a town where there are not twenty paying Church members, you will understand our situation. Dr. Jackson, we are all willing to lift to the last dollar of our ability. We are preparing to (We mean- T. W. Otis, J. D. Perkins, L. Bashford & Co., and every one else whom we can interest) give largely towards the building of a Presbyterian Church this fall. With the right effort, I think, \$2,000 and perhaps \$3,000 can be raised. (Perhaps more as Mr. Merrill is very popular) The only trouble is, times are so close now and so many improvements are going on that hardly a day passes without a subscription paper being put in one's hand. There is a great work of the Lord being commenced here. God grant that we may be ready for his blessing. Yours in Christ,

M. H. Sherman.

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Cedar Rapids, Iowa.  
March 28th, 1877.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir,

One of our good ladies, who has always been interested in the work of Mr. McMillan, told me yesterday that my meeting you in Denver seemed providential, for it was just the information our Sunday School needed to decide properly where its contributions for Home Missions should go. On Sabbath, after my arrival here, it was decided to divide the funds equally between Persia and Utah. The latter portions to be sent to Mr. McMillan to be used to further the interests of his school. The amount from the school for this work, will we hope, reach \$200 but it may not exceed \$150. Our ladies Home Missionary Society I believe have pledged to Mr. McMillan \$200 payable quarterly, making together, pretty certain, \$350 dollars for the year.

I shall write to Mr. McMillan today, and shall urge upon him a regular monthly correspondence with our school. We really ought to have letters, one every month. When you write to him or should you see him soon, please say to him what our desires and expectations are. He can do us a wonderful good while we are trying also to assist him in his work.

We see with great pain that the Church at Salt Lake City has lost its worthy pastor. We trust and pray our Lord will soon send another who shall have favor with the people and who shall cause his name to be greatly honored in that region.

With kind regards, I remain,  
Truly yours etc,

John F. Ely.

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Missoula, M. T.  
March 29th, 1877.

Rev. and dear Sir,

I return herewith the two letters addressed to you, received by me a few days since. I was already in receipt of a letter from Mr. Rommel advising me that Mr. Cook would come and asking me if I could make arrangements for one half fare from Franklin. I did not understand exactly how this news should follow so closely on yours advising us that Mr. Adams was the man, but now see that the Board must have employed Mr. Cook without consulting with you at all in the matter.

Of course we have no chance in the world not knowing either of the men, and if we had it is not probable that much regard to our wishes would be exercised by the Board.

At least my experience has been that they are rather arbitrary. However I trust whoever does come will find a field of usefulness and certainly he will find a destitute one. Do you think it possible to obtain from some Church esst, a second hand S. S. Library as a gift? If you can aid us it will be very kind and we will be grateful. We do not feel able to buy a new library but will gladly pay freight on any books sent us.

It is desirable to have the books if we can get them shipped as early in the season as possible so that we can receive them in June or July. I have written to Mr. Farnell on this subject and shall write my former pastor Dr. Brooks of St. Louis also

I enclose 2A as partial payment for the Rocky Mountain Presbyter which I have been receiving for several years without I believe having made any payment please credit amount and bill of balance due. If all your patrons are as slow in paying as myself I dont see how you can keep up the paper. A small due at regular intervals would not prove anias perhaps at any rate. I would like you to treat me thus in the future.

Respectfully Yours,

Ferd Kennett.

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Geneseo N. Y.

March 29, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Sir

Yours of the 31 Jan. was duly received and submitted to the ladies of our church also to the Elders

Our benevolent contributions for the last year were all anticipated, but we concluded to make an effort to add some to the amount and have succeeded in getting \$25. which is enclosed in draft to assist in establishing a mission at Zuni.

I received a letter from my son at Fort Wingate, New Mexico and he is anticipating much pleasure from a visit from you this spring he has sent as specimens of pottery etc. from the Zuni and we feel considerable interest in that tribe and you may be successful in establishing a school among them we will make further efforts during the year to do more.

Yours truly,  
W. E. Lauderdale.

Canon Col.

March 30

Rev. S. Jackson D.D.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find the correspondence of Pueblo church on subjects of preaching.

The money is now ready for our bell and I am about to have it cast and sent on from Troy. Can you send me the addresses of any gentlemen in Troy either among clergy or laity who would be the proper persons to take charge of this business, As I can go east now I need some one on the spot who will make the bargain and who will see that our money is spent to the best advantage. Also can you send me any hints as to the cheapest mode of carriage from Troy or give name of any company (Railroad) or companies who will carry the bell at a reduced rate because it is for a mission Church.

Please respond. Your brother in Christ/

Geo. M. Smith.

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Trinidad, Colorado.

March 31, 1877.

Dear Brother,

I wrote hoping Mrs. J. will forward to you. Some of our citizens are anxious to hear your map lecture, and think we can get an audience by charging admission for the benefit of the Church. The M. E. Church realized a nice sum \$60 from a lecture by Dr. Crary on some ordinary topic. Please let us know when you will be here that we may arrange accordingly if you can come.

Mr. Jackson, you must try to stop off and see our officers in reference to commission for next year for a few months at least. It will greatly assist me.

Very truly,

John L. Gage.

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Laramie, Wyoming.  
April 2d, 1877.

Dear Brother;

I fully sympathize with the spirit of your letter enclosed. As to this field we cannot count upon more than about thirty or forty at most, who are able to do anything, for the general cause, and these are not willing to do much. Indeed the Churches here are supported mostly by outsiders and the money is squeezed out of them by begging and in the way of sociables and other unscriptural means. We are much discouraged here, that is my wife and myself. We have labored harder than on any field we have ever been in and had more drawbacks. To maintain our position, as a Church we have spent out of our meagre income one hundred and fifty dollars, that being more than any three members of the Church in the same time. We have now done all we can do and if we remain on the field after this year, we will have to receive a support, one third of which we have hitherto had to scratch for outside of other than Church or the Board. There is one thing I believe the Presbyterian Church has to awake to-the importance of the Episcopate on the part of the Presbytery. Where our Church is established and has made its rut of progress, a pastor or supply is generally equal to all ordinary emergencies, but as our American Society is now constituted there are new difficulties to contend with and those that will no longer allow of "Presbyterians being any longer God's foolish people." Instead of district missionaries being dispensed with their number should be increased and their duties more clearly defined and I honestly believe that if our Church could be visited, which is an old feature of Presbyterianism and of its best days, it would increase their efficiency two fold. I have seen it true and speak from observation. But maybe we will be able to ventilate this matter at Synod. I am still watching the developments of Providence as they bear upon the question of any European tour, You may ask what a squeezed missionary has to crop the water on? Well that is just what I say, still we can walk by faith in matters of this kind as well as in others.

Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and children.

Yours in the Gospel,

W. E. Hamilton.

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Lake City, Col.,  
April 3d, 1877.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Brother,



I was requested by the trustees of the first Presbyterian Church of Lake City, to write you on the subject of supplying us with a pastor after brother Darley leaves us. And just here I will say that he has made himself a most enviable reputation, won many friends and done much good service for our master, and most of the people and members would love to have him remain with us.

We are sorry to say that our members have materially decreased since last fall by the removing to California of our financially strongest man, and from the fact that the Episcopal Church has organized, and several of those who united with us are members of that Church and have gone there, and they were some of our best paying members. I believe the understanding is that we pay brother Darley fifty dollars per month and he is good enough to give us credit for doing so, but he can only count it by allowing double price for a week's board with some of us and all of which he will explain I suppose when you see him at the Presbytery. Now the object of this letter is simply to say that we cannot pay a minister fifty dollars per month there being only ten or twelve members and all of them poor but willing, but we did not want you to send a minister believing we could pay them more than we were able and thus disappoint all parties. There are a great many strangers coming in daily and we have splendid audiences and if many of them should prove to be brethren and unite with us we could pay more, but the present membership can not pay more than ten or possibly fifteen dollars per month.

Hoping I have given you a correct idea of our position, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

A. T. Cunnel.

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Westchester, Pa.,

April 4th, 1877.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother,

Your letter reached me promptly and I am somewhat ashamed of the delay. I sent the letter enclosed to Mrs. Jones, our minister's wife and asked her if she thought any one in the Church would feel glad to contribute to such a cause. She is a whole souled little woman, and at once said there was twenty-five dollars in the infants fund which was for Home Missions

And was all collected. She called on the lady who has take charge of the infant school fund and she said she would send it at once. The next day concluded she wanted credit for it from the home board and was afraid she would not get it from you. In vain I explained that you would write the children a nice letter and perhaps be able to interest them more in Home Missions. Mr. Jones seemed to side with her and said every thing given by a member of the Church ought to be reported to the board. I quietly let the subject go and said no more but dear little Mrs. Jones has been asking some of her friends for a little private aid, and she called today and said she would be sure and get the twenty five dollars you borrowed. I send you a check for thirty dollars, I send twenty-five, my husband five. He does not know how much I have put to his and it is not necessary that he should know as it is out of my private purse. He seldom gives away any thing. His education was neglected in that respect when he was young, and he likes what he does, appreciated. It seems a trifle to speak of, but perhaps a little word of acknowledgement would encourage more giving. The money I send I think would be well spent in getting clothing for the family of which you speak.

It may be sometime before the other is sent. When it is sent I would be glad if you would acknowledge it to Mrs. Jones. She will show it to those who have given her money. It will be a chance to show them what hardships our ministers suffer. Mr. Jones thinks there are too many in the field, that the board has no right to commission more than they can afford. Meanwhile we must I suppose let the Roman Catholics occupy the ground. Why do not the Churches wake up. I wish I could do more but I cannot do so. I have been unfortunate in not having my interest paid on a large part of all I own. It is enough at any rate to cramp me this year. It was paying interest at eight per cent and now pays nothing. If you would rather have us spend the money, Mrs. Jones collects in clothing, we will do so if we know the needs of the family. And you can take them the enclosed to pay what you have borrowed.

It is the first time I have ever said anything to a member of the Church about your needs or at least in the way of asking for anything. I think it will be the last. If the trifle I send you will do any good to the missionaries I am very glad. I don't want any notoriety about it.

Perhaps I don't look at these things right but they depress me. I told Mrs. Jones I would send the thirty now and wait for the rest till she collects it. You will see I am still in the land of the living though still very feeble please let me know if we had better send clothing or the money, and as soon as you can.

Yours in Christian love,

P. A. Lewis.

Dear Brother Jackson:

A long time ago I wrote a full and well considered letter to the brethren in New Mexico naming three or four of them and sent it to Bro. Smith. He has never answered it though attending to it and thereby showing that he had received it, and the other brethren, some of them at least, say they have never seen the latter and have heard nothing from Smith concerning it. I can not understand it.

The letter was to the effect of having some of their elders comisioned as colpoteurs by the publication board. I hope to hear from you as soon as possible and as fully as may be, what the present plan for aggressive work in the Presbyter is.

I have written Riggle also, asking him if he will seek to take a place for permanent work. A former missionary of the foreign board in Chili, familiar with the Spanish tongue, laborin with the Spanish speaking people, (1) Jesuitical (2) wants an appointment in New Mexico. We can make no appointment till we hear from you, and the brethren there.

Deem goes to Longmont, Reed to Boulder, and Valmont. Cook at Missoula may draw another after him for Bozeman. We can't hear a word from Montana. Russel sent his statistical report today and made no sign. We do not know whether he will stay at Butte or come out. We don't know whether there is any vacancy there or not. Bird goes right on to Utah. Leonard the 1st of June. Whether any other beside McNiece at Salt Lake City depends on what McMillan says when he gets to the assembly. Carson wants to go if he is needed.

What about the School at Sante Fe

Give me a few words if possible.

Yours truly

H. Kendal.

New York,

April 4th, 1877.

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West Chester, Pa.,  
April 7, 1877.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother,

Enclosed you will find a draft for \$29.25. It is money handed to me by dear Mrs Jones, our Minister's wife. She collected it of a few friends. As letters lie so long before you get them, sometimes I thought it best not to wait till I heard from you before sending this. Once we thought it might be best to convert it into clothing, and I think

(2) intriguers.

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I wrote you about this. All the money sent, this as well what I sent you, for the minister your letter alludes to. It will not go very far but they must have clothing if they are so destitute. Please write Mrs. Jones and say what is done with what they send in this last draft. If you have time give them some idea of your work, how far you have traveled the last year and some of the needs of the Missionaries. I want them to know the money is not given in vain. You know people do need line after line to make them see the necessity of giving. The odd twenty-five cents was given by an old lady, who passed her centennial birthday on the twentieth of March. She comes a long walk at least twice a week to see how I am, and says she never prays but asks that I may live as long as she does. She has not a relative in the world as she knows of and not a dollar but what is given her and yet she never wants, and never doubts for one minute the fatherly care of her God. Mrs. Dickam says she is glad, we know we have been entertaining an angel unawares. Her name is Margaret Graham. Remember me in your prayer. I need it. Hoping this will reach you safely, I am

truly your friend,  
P. A. Lewis.

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Corinne Utah,  
April 8th, 1877.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.

My dear Brother,

I find it next to impossible to attend Synod, for want of Money and for want of opportunity to leave my work. I have been visiting the Mormons every other Sabbath since Pres. and am very cordially received, in some places with much enthusiasm? At Brigham City, I have not seen such an audience in Utah. House crowded to its fullest extent, gallery and platform holding about a thousand. The meeting was given up to my control also at Willard and North Storg there is the fullest freedom in speaking to the people and they hear news. Bear River City or Danish town is not so accesible on account of their nationality and being less intelligent. The confession of Lee is having a wonderful effect in treating their faith in Brigham Young. Yet only the more intelligent and free have dared to read for themselves. The Salt Lake Tribune is doing a telling work. Six thousand extra copies of the daily and two thousand of the weekly containing Lee's confession

were sold, and largely bought by the Mormons, as their Church papers did not publish it. Judge Candlebaugh's speech in Congress, giving a full account of Mormonism as he saw it in 59 came out in an extra copy, Saturday. I received my commission for another year at Corrine last week. Also 50 dollars, from Dr. Graham to pay for a horse. The citizens have furnished me conveyance unasked so far. The services here are all that could be expected except the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. The house is full and sabbath school crowded.

Very Truly,  
S. S. Gillespie.

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Austin, Texas.

April 17, 1877.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Are you not by this time aching for "New Worlds to Conquer?" I hope so and that you will consider "Texas" to be a prominent enough world to suit your ambition. Our condition is this; the work is growing upon us immigration is pouring in and bids fair to be a continual stream for years, and to day there is no better ground in the U. S. than the state of Texas- our Board is working up to this fact and I believe will be in the future ready to aid us to any reasonable (and to them possible) amount- the presence of the Lutheran Church does not disturb the question and should'nt stop our work for sixty seconds- they will spend more time in a prosy discussion over some unimportant matter of red tape or over some point in their new book of discipline than they will in striving to gasp and provide for this great field of labor- indeed they would fold their hands and do nothing at all if we were not here, Methodists and Baptists have twelve times as many members as the Presbyterian Church and even the Cumberlandians have about three or four times as many, and yet Presbyterians had the best start of any denomination in the state. It is there fore evident that we must have a superintendent for our work of grit, grace and experience- very much depends on the man we get- we may have a Synod of Texas next year, but almost certainly the year after- our Presbytery has been for the last year or two trying to keep our work going under Brother Bell's supervision but every month only makes it more evident that this cannot be. At our meeting Denison last week we divided the field giving Watkins the frontier counties (northern, central Texas) and brother Bell the south and the railroads but this will

not work. Brother Bell is too old and too fat to do the work he ought to do. Watkins will do a good evangelistic work, holding meetings and organizing Churches after the Southern fashion. He was a confederate soldier by the way, but he has just the qualities for a general supervision of our work, like Diogenous we must light our lanterns and hunt for a man and we ought to have him early on the ground next fall. I cannot keep my mind off from it. My fear is that at your distance you cannot know the true greatness of the work to be done here and the probabilities of success. Now please write me a letter and give a hint that it is possible that we can get you. Do not be too quick to think or to say "no". If you will but give me a private hint to this effect, I think I can make up all the details in such a way as will save you from any annoyance in the matter.

Our Presbytery met at Denison. We received three new ministers and five new Churches. We have now about twenty ministers and twenty Churches (there may be one or two less) but the prospect of our work is very encouraging. Write to me soon. Regards to Mrs. J. I hope your family are well by this time.

Yours,

E. B. Wright.

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Board of Home Missions of  
Presbyterian Church.  
New York City.  
April 19th, 1877.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Did you get my note to you at Sante Fe? I wrote you there and was anxious to know if Mr. Roberts was appointed to be at the assembly and also to know what action the Presbytery took with regard to the matters we wrote the brethren about long ago concerning the appointment of some Mexican Elders as colporteurs. Did the brethren agree to do that or did they ordain or license them to go out as preacher. We should be glad to know all about it. To keep you fully posted as to our movements at this end of the line, at the risk of repeating what we have said before. We will say, that according to your arrangement Holm goes to Pueblo, Reid to Belden and Valmont and Deems to Longmont, but a middle classman takes his place there for two three or four months. Note- What bearing will this have on Finks and Fort Collins? You will see Egbert about these days. Is'nt his suggestion about 17th street and Bliss's Church feasible? Can't the 17t sell its old property and unite with the other Church after

Montfort leaves and bear with Bliss for awhile, and then if he cannot satisfy them let him leave and unite on a new man! Is'nt that a practical solution of the three Church question in Denison, which we all have to bear. We are delighted with what we hear of Kimball's success in helping the Churches out of debt.

As to Utah, Bird has gone on. Leonard his brother-in-law goes on about June 1st or soon after the general assembly Carson stands ready to go if a third man is needed. Romnell has heard from Montana. Russell goes to Butte and still keeps the field- Cook goes to Missoula. Bozeman is represented as prosperous and the whole territory also and the demand for men is more urgent than before- We are determined to find one or two more.

Now we have a project for you for the summer, which we think should be laid before you before the meeting of the General Assembly, if you are there, I mean at the Assembly, we can talk with you about it more fully, but it may be necessary that you should be appointed at it in order to make due preparations for it. We do not suppose you have any definite knowledge of Logan as a place for us to establish ourselves. Romnell says the Episcopalians are entrenched there and if so, with the limited force all the denominations have in Utah, it is not wise for us to go in there. It may be found that there is no opening for Leonard at the north and we may have to send him to the south. We should like you to go before him, if possible, and find out and not plunge a strange man into such a field when he can do nothing but find it out at our expense. That is not a business way of doing it.

11. We think you have never done any thorough work in Montana. You have dashed in and dashed out again. The Church has come to demand something better. We propose therefore that you go in there and spend three or four months at work, if we find sufficient men, that you shall introduce them upon the way before them and besides, that you shall become acquainted with the people in the valleys and the new mining towns and be able to present and report from actual observation, and not based on partial newspaper reports. If we cannot find the men we need, you can supply Bozeman and other places several Sabbaths each and hold things in statu quo at least. No other part of your field seems to us so pressing in its demand at the present time. You have explored New Mexico and Utah thoroughly, and Arizona considerably. You have been at the strategic points. The time seems to us to have come to do equally thorough exhaustive work in Montana. Three months service would give you an acquaintance with all the towns, all the ministers and all the leading people, and it would be of vast advantage to you and to our work. Then at the conclusion of such a service in Montana we want you to pass over the road from Corinne or Kelton, or striking out

from Montana, further north, go over to Boise City and on to Walla Walla. The latter point is not in your field but that is of little consequence. Returning we should like to have you visit, if possible the towns north of Elko of which Byers writes and northward of Winnemucca and know of all that field north of the Pacific Railroad to the California and Oregon line. Nevada properly belongs to Frazer, but he has more than he can do in California. You are pretty much out of work unless you add to it what is being suggested. There is not likely to be any pressing work for you for the summer if not this, and all that region with its mining towns and settled and opening valleys, we need such a knowledge of them as you can gain by a protracted and careful survey as we suggest. We do not think there is any better way to put in your time.

With the discovery of gold in San Juan and the Black Hills, and the Indians subdued, the whole Rocky Mountain System in its available points will soon be possessed. We must have our hand work on it.

IV. The Black Hills are nearer at hand and can wait. There is a great rush there. When the excitement is over as it now is in the region we suggest, we can see what is best to do, but for the summer we think we have indicated your field and work. You will be glad to know that the financial outlook is more encouraging than we expected and that we stand ready to send the right men to all the important points now open from the Missouri River to the Pacific Coast.

Please let us know as soon as possible whether you expect to be at the Assembly and any information you may have about the matters included in this letter. There is a goodly number of young men ready to go out and now is the time to push forward.

We have not heard much from you this winter or spring. There is a good deal due us by this time.

Yours truly,

H. Kendall.

Note. The above letter resulted in the opening of Alaska to  
 gospel work. S. J.

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Del Norte, Colorado,  
 April 19th, 1877.

Dear Bro.

George is back from Ouray and at the Lake. He gathered a church of fifteen members. Great enthusiasm over his coming through in so terrible weather, roads etc. Went afoot with Burro. The snow was belly deep to Burro, and had to him out. Had to wade streams about thirty-six times, and camp in storm and snow. No fire. Nearly died. Got to Indiana Friday night with knees swollen to double size and feet soles



swollen round. Waded <sup>Uncomphere</sup> the twenty-one times in twenty-five miles in one day. Last day. Preached first sermon in Ouray. Please send half plans for him now to me.

Yours in Christ,  
Alex. M. Darley.

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Trinidad, Colorado.  
April 21st, 1877.

Dear Bro. Jackson,

I received your card and send for map. I have been thinking not very definitely it is true, but thinking perhaps, Utah might afford an opening for us. I presume Salt Lake is supplied. I think in the event of going east, wife and I will try and visit Utah and see for our selves and be able to tell others. I do not know as the altitude of Utah would ~~suit~~ her as I don't know what it is. I write you so you can be thinking of it.

Another thing- I presume we will dedicate about the 1st of June and must depend on you. We want you any how but I presume on account of expense we can have no one to assist you,

Your Brother,  
John I. Gage.

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Ouray, Colorado,  
May 1st, 1877.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.  
Colorado Springs, Col.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find petition asking for the appointment of George Darley to become a minister in our midst. I had hoped to get more names to the list but as it is it will express the feeling and disposition of many citizens and I feel confident I know enough members in the Presbytery that my opinion on brother Darley being the right man will be accepted. I would have had more names had it not been for a serious town trouble that has embittered many citizens against each other and seriously blocked things. I believe brother Darley would come here if sent and he is surely the right man. He met with favor in the eyes of all who met him.

You know it takes a peculiar man for a new and mining town. In my opinion any other man sent will not be the right man, but seeking God in prayer will decide this matter as all should be, more especially church work. I feel confident by June 15th we can commence and finish a good Church. I can raise \$500 to \$700 here and \$500 in New York and with the aid of the Board we will be all right, the blessing of God abounding among us.

Please do all you can to have brother Geo. M. Darley appointed here.

With Christian love yours,

E. C. Mills Jr.

Alma, Colorado.

May 6th, 1877.

The Rev. W. P. Teitsworth having visited Alma on Wednesday, April 25th, 1877, announced after preaching in the even that he would again visit this village, no preventing providence, on Friday and Saturday previous to Sabbath of May 6th and proceed to the organization of a Presbyterian Church if the way be open. These arrangements were met and the way was found to be open and on Sabbath of May 6th, 1877, the first Presbyterian Church of Alma was organized. It is also the first Evangelical church in the village and the third in the county.

Membership-

Nathan M. McMillys and wife

Mrs. Barbara E. Ellis

Mrs. Virginia S. Links by letter and profession.

Mrs. Catherine Page.

Mrs. Grace Caley and Miss Lattie Treweek.

Mr. Nathan M. McMillys was elected and ordained to the office of ruling Elder.

It was announced that in two weeks the sacrament of the Lord's Supper would be administered.

At the close of these exercises the congregation proceeded to the organization of a union Sabbath school.

W. P. Teitsworth,

Moderator and Clerk of session

of Alma,

May 6th, 1877.

83 Henry St., Brooklyn,  
May 8th, 1877.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir,

Your letter concerning the moral condition of the people in Utah was read before the Board of the Brooklyn Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society in secret conclave. It presents a most frightful picture of degradation and barbarity which can scarcely find a parallel, even in heathen countries. I cannot understand that a government representing a civilized nation should so long have tolerated so terrible an evil. I am glad that it is now waking up to the enormity of the crimes practiced there, under the name of religious duty, and is about to interfere to suppress them. The poor women and children, I can't help thinking that the very instincts of their being, even if conscience be perverted, must revolt at such a life. It is said that they never smile, but wear perpetually that hopeless, sunken, wretched look that seems like a silent pathetic appeal to the God of justice to come and liberate them from the chains that have eaten into their very souls. All of our ladies were deeply affected by your story and we resolved that we would do what earnest and praying hearts could do for the aid of a school. We have now, I think in the treasury the sum of \$400, over that, I believe, waiting to be appropriated to that purpose. Dr. Kendall will designate to us a plan of work. We have been hoping to find in our City a lady who would be willing to go as a teacher in company with the one already volunteered who will support herself (you or Dr. K. told us of his one) I think we ought not to delay. The money is ready as soon as the teacher is found. I read your paper with great interest. It is all alive with fervor. God bless it and the cause it advocates our dear country it must be won for him.

Your's very truly,  
Mrs. Wm. Brooks.  
Cor. Secretary.

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New York.  
May 10th 1877

Dr. S. Jackson  
Dear Sir:

Mrs. A.R. Walsh of the Scotch Church is trying to organize a Mission Band of young ladies to support a Western Missionary. I promised to write you asking the sum necessary for support. We want to send the money as we do Miss Cort's salary through Mrs. Graham board. This spring the Ladies

Sewing Society sent a box to the Rev. Samuel L. Gillespie of Conine, Utah. We thought judging from their letters, he would be a very suitable person. Mrs. Walsh would like your opinions regarding him. If you agree with us will you be so kind as to let us know the amount he received from the Church and all concerning him. If you do not will you be so kind as to recommend some other Missionary. We want one who will write us letters, as Miss Cort does, telling us about his work. Mrs. Walsh does not wish to support a Missionary residing in New Mexico I wrote you in March I think it was in regard to a box for some Missionary to be sent next fall. I presume you were away from home and have not received it as yet. We would like a large family more girls than boys. Please give this your earliest attention as Mrs. Walsh is anxious to have it all settled before she goes out of town.

Yours etc.

Ellie F. Nielson

345 West 22nd St.

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Austin Texas

May 11 1877

Mrs. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Madam:

I ought to have written before but we have just begun a series of meetings (with Miss Grant and Williams evangelist, preacher and singer to lead) and I have been kept very busy. About the question you ask, there has been no concivance with the secretaries to disturb your peace and happiness. I told the secretaries in my letter, that I believed we needed some man "Sheldon Jackson" or "Timothy Hill" meaning that we needed some man like them if we could not get the originals. Now Timothy Hill would not come under any circumstances, even if he would suit this latitude, and there are reasons why it would not be wise on account of his very extreme position (Even now maintained with pertinacity and with no grace of silence when silence would conquer)

Of course we do not want any body who has no opinion on these subjects, but somebody who for the cause will not maintain a cantroversy. I think that the Rev. Jno. Brown, also I note about needing some man like your husband. On the whole it is better that our man should have been an O. S. Presbyterian in the past. If your husband knew of the deadness and in-ertion of the Southern Presbyterian Church here in Texas he would realize the need of some one who could stir up the whole state for Presbyterianism. It would come in just in

time to form us into a synod in a year or so. Your dread of Texas mosquitoes need not alarm you for they are not everywhere and even the hot weather you would endure under more favorable circumstances than when you were here, endure better and adopt yourself to--

Your husband's trips here would not be so long nor the exposure so great as where you are. The county where the population is pouring most rapidly is 1,000 to 1500ft above the sea level and very healthy. You could live at Denison, or Dallas, or Naco, or Austin, or at almost any other point (I say Austin) Your sickness has given you gloomy views of Texas, but I think you would like it intensely, much depends on Dr. Jackson's coming.

May God give him wisdom to direct. Dr. Taylor's folks send regards and so would Mrs. Townsend if she knew I was writing. With many good wishes for your welfare and that of your family.

Yours Respectfully and Truly,  
Edn. B. Wright

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Salt Lake City, Utah  
May 11th

Bro. Jackson

Things are progressing, our foundation is laid and the walls will be up in two weeks. We have ordered our desks and etc. from Chicago. We got a car through from Chicago at half rates. I am making a desperate effort to have the house all paid for before we enter it, Sept, 1st. I see my way clear in everything except the salary of teachers. I do not see how I can support the teachers that I must have next year unless three of my teachers are commenced at \$300 each, with this aid I can do a grand work. It does seem to me that the church should do this much to help us beside what scholarship we get. I suppose we shall be compelled to live from Sept. 1876 to 1877 on less than \$800 I have done it thus far cheerfully, but I do not see how I can do it another year. Therefore plead for us. I would like to know by June 1st whether I can hope for aid. I fear I shall lose Miss Benney next year as I am unable to promise her the salary she deserves, she is a strong power in church and school. If I can have the help I ask I can make our school the leading one in the city next year. I do not fear any bloodshed, although it is hard to tell what these frontiers may do. I rejoice that I am here to witness the progress of the contest I shall not run. Please write to me as to the outlet. Bird is up from M. and P. is highly pleased with his field.

Kind regards to all,  
Truly,  
J. K. Coyner.

Salt Lake City, Utah.,  
May 14th, 1903.

Dr. Dickson & Kendall,  
Dear Brethren:

A few facts in regard to our work in Salt Lake City. Our School is growing in power and influence. Its internal working is more encouraging than it has been. The great trouble has been to get our pupils to think for themselves. The mental bondage so peculiar to the Mormon Church, pervades all classes, but we can see the dawn of a better day coming for our pupils. A day of self reliant independent thought. One young man whom I love almost as much as my own son, has lately made a profession of christianity and has the ministry in view. Oh that we could have a score of such. For this we labor and for this we pray.

As you know we are building a school house, as our basement was so unhealthy that we had either to give up the school or build. Our friends outside the Church, mostly Godless men, have given us the means to build a two thousand house. (Plans enclosed) The Church furnished the lot, and I must raise a thousand dollar some place, to furnish it. I say must, for I believe that it is God's work and he will enable me to do it. The outlook in detail has never as it is to day. I do not fear blood shed yet God may permit it, then the end will come. But what of the thousands of children. My heart feels sore for them, as they must carry the badge of their parents sin. But what of the future of our school. We can accomodate a hundred and fifty in our house and we will likely be full from the outset. I must have another teacher but I have no funds to pay her. My self and wife have lived on \$750 but we cannot do it another year. If Your Board can commission me these lady teachers at \$350 a year each, by close economy, I can manage the rest, but without this I do not see how we can get through another year, yet I shall go on to the last extremity, and not give up the ship while there are two planks to stand on. The present building is 64 by 34 and will accomodate 150 pupils. It is so built that a two story front can be put on that will enable us to accomodate 250 pupils in all. The present building will cost when finished in good style, and furnished with good desks \$3,000, the addition will cost \$4,500 and thus for \$7,500 we will have secured for a church one of the first school buildings in the county. We shall not attempt the front now but by next year we think we

shall need it. Now brethren this school is too vital to the work in Utah to let it suffer, can you not pledge us the \$900 aid during the year. This with the scholarships that we can get will enable us to carry on the school and educate 150 children. It is important that I know as early as possible for I do not like to assume responsibilities without knowing just how to meet them. We are anxiously looking for our pastor. The field is ready for his sickle. Hope to hear from you soon.

Truly Yours,

J. K. Coyner

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Idaho Springs, Colo.  
May 28, 1877

Dear brother:

We have now got through our fourth Sabbath's work at Idaho. I am enjoying it very much. It is a very hard station, but I believe we are making progress. The audiences are very encouraging particularly the young men; one third the church was filled with them last Sunday evening.

I do not know whether you are aware that the Methodist is the largest element of the church going community here. They have no church building, they used our church during the winter. I saw it would produce a great deal of ill feeling if we should oust them entirely, so compromised the matter by letting them use the church in the morning, when the audiences are small

about one third of the evening audiences. In this way we retain their good-will and have them co-operate for the choir, Sunday school and prayer meetings and avoid the open rupture between the Christian sects in the eyes of the non-church going community whom we desire to reach.

There is a debt on the church building of \$220 date of note two years ago drawing two per cent a month.

The bellry has never been fixed. To put this in shape and have the church cleaned will cost about \$100 more, we mean to do what we can toward these objects this summer, and try to get a membership organized so if possible to get the church in shape for a permanent ministry.

With regard to your intended visit next Sunday with a view to receiving new members, I believe it is too soon but we will be glad to hear from you or if you can run up, to see you for advice.

Hope you will approve so far. Let us have your prayers and the prayers of the Christians in Denver for our success.

Yours Very Truly,

John MacAllister

Fort Collins, Colo.

May 29,

Dear Bro. Jackson

I know that you are now away at the Gen. Assembly but I want that you should be sure and hear from me, so I write you that you may receive it on your return without fail. I was given to understand that the church would be finished here with little or no debt. So I called session together to make arrangements for the Dedication, Having completed this business Mr. Armstrong, my peculiar trial, informed us there would be a debt of \$150 on the church. This changed the face of affairs. I declared I would not dedicate the church until it could be done free of debt so that practically the arrangements hinge on this debt. I further made a proposition that if the trustees would meet their obligations to me on salary due in June. I would shoulder the debt, i. e. I would raise what I could mostly elsewhere, for but little more can be done here, and what I could do would not pay me, for I could not stay here longer dalying along, then it would be too much loss to the church if not dedicated now, but as a matter of principle and conscience with me I could not assist in the dedication. Furthermore it seems to me that it can be done and all the debt cleared just as well in four weeks as four months. Several are waiting to join, two on profession. Also we do not wish to occupy before dedication. To dedicate June 24th free of debt, it seems to me, at least, would be very favorable to the cause.

In our arrangements the session voted unanimously that Dr. Jackson be urgently requested to preach the dedication sermon on June 24th. In hoping to meet the debt of course I looked to you, notwithstanding what I said last winter, that we could get along without calling upon you, as I hoped. I have been compelled to stand aside, as a figure head on the committee and I see it go on and if it came out in debt I had no hand in curtailing expenses, but accept it. I think if I had my way it could have been kept within our funds. But someone must give in or there would have been an open outbreak.

I expect to visit Fair and June 4th I shall start and be gone two weeks. On my return I'll stop probably in Denver. I hope that you may afford me some relief so that the dedication need not be postponed.

I think Dr. that you will have to come up at the dedication or many will be dissatisfied and disappointed. I could excuse you if necessary, knowing your labors, better than the rest. So I hope you will come, but just at present you see the if in the way. Perhaps in a few days I can in some way by shouldering it myself remove the if. So that it would be a certainty. I have told you how it is, can you suggest any way out? I commenced emphasizing the point of no debt and now to change from it, I cannot think anything of my word or my principles. Hoping the Lord will bring us out all right, I remain

Your brother in Christ

D. E. Finks



Princeton, N. J.  
May 14, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.  
Denver, Colo.

Cook to Bozeman, McNece to Salt Lake, Longmont accepted  
by myself

J. P. Egbert

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Animas City, Colo.  
June, 1877

We the undersigned Citizens of Animas Valley and members in  
regular standing of Evangelical Churches, wishing church privil-  
eges for ourselves and community would earnestly request Rev.  
Sheldon Jackson D. D. Supt. of Presbyterian Missions to organize  
us into a Presbyterian Church and supply us with a good minister.

Names	:	Church Convention
J. A. P. Kelly	:	Presbyterian
Henry J. Keough	:	"
Frances S. Keough	:	"
Maggie Sullivan	:	"

Dr. J. P. Wallace a member of the Presbyterian Church of Lafayette  
Indiana is permanently located in the valley but was not at  
home when I called on him. There are quite a number of other  
denominations that will probably unite but do not care to  
sign the petition.

Yours Truly,  
J. C. Sullivan

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Idaho Springs, Colo.  
June 2, 1877

My dear brother:

Your draft of 31st Ult on "Peoples Savings Bank"  
Denver for fifty dollars is at hand. Thanks. Which ever Sabbath  
you come up let me know if possible a day or two before hand  
so I can arrange with the Methodist people to have use of the  
church all day, if you think it necessary so we could have  
communion sevice morning and the pleasure of some words in

the evening of counsel.

Yours Very Respectfully,  
John MacAllister

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Carlinville, Ill.  
June 2, 1877

Dear brother Jackson:

Assembly closed Wednesday. I came here to my mother's arriving this morning. Her business and some of my own will keep me here two weeks. Then I expect to go via Sogansport and Cleveland to New York at the suggestion of Dr. Kendall, taking missions.

The overture for the relief of Salt Lake City as you have probably seen was feverably considered and refered to the Bd. of Ch. erection. It is my private opinion that the result will be the payment of one half the debt at once. I gathered this impression from a talk with Dr. Wilson and Mr. Burrham. The overture asking the commission of the lady teacher was granted, I believe before you left. The other one asking that the Bd. of ch. erection be instructed to make an exception in cases from Utah and New Mexico was adverser reported upon and the report was adopted. The ground was the limitations of the charter. We might have gotten a request through asking the Legislature of New York to amend the charter, but our zealous Pacific brother from Southern California loaded it down with a similiar request from his synod, so it failed.

Leonard is to go to Utah immeduatly. Carson will return with me Dr. This will be my address till further notice.

Yours Fraternally,

D. J. McMillan

Carlinville, Ill.

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Elko, Nev.

June 5th 1877

Dear brother Jackson:

Yours of the 1st at hand. First as to the names of the more important towns in Idaho, I learn to be these Boise City, capital of Idaho population near 1,500. Second Idaho City, population about 600, situated about 35 miles north of Boise City. Third Silver City, with population about 600, 60 miles south of Boise City. I learn that Silver City has very

much run down, once had a population of over 2,000. It is in the southern part of the territory. Second I learn that the best route for you is to leave R. R. at Kelton in Utah, a place not far from Corinne, from there to Boise City, I learn is about 250 miles, and stage fare \$50. But if you want to go to Silver City first, and then to Boise, the better way would be to leave R. R. at Winnemucca in Nevada (75 miles west of here) and go directly north, yet the other route, via Kelton is the most accessible and most travelled. Probably you could turn to the left at some point before reaching Boise City, and go by Silver City. I am not at all familiar with the country up there, my information is derived from men who have been up there trading in cattle, and may be reliable and may not be. The Rev. Messrs Boyds and Condit, all three, passed here today, en route for Pregon. Had the pleasure of about twenty minutes talk with them at Depot. I am always glad to see the face of a Pres. minister in this far-away and wicked place. I recently received eleven additions to my church, a blessing for which I have labored, though but few expected to see. I found four members when I came here, and now have twenty four. But this is the wickedest place I ever labored.

Fraternally,  
J. H. Byers

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Cheyenne, Wyoming  
June 6, 1877

Dear Doctor:

I this morning wrote to McGaughey and Fleming. I would prefer getting McG. as he would be permanent if he came. My visit to Greeley and Evans was pleasant beyond expectation. Father Thompson was as pleasant as possible. But I thought I detected a constant desire to have the church go down. If a prudent man goes there he will have the sympathy of the old gentleman's son who is in the lumber business. I would advise that who ever goes there get into no controversy or dispute with the old gentleman. He will abuse you but I think the people there understand him pretty well and charitably say the old gentleman mind is becoming weak which is really the case for he will say things which he must know are incorrect. A new man will meet a cordial reception from the people and some that have left the church will return. At Evans I did not see much of the people, I believe however that Mr. Stewart is much beloved and deservedly so. He said he was willing to submit to any arrangement that could be made and yet frankly said he would like to remain as pastor of the church if possible. And as an evidence of the affection of the people said outsiders started a subscription without his

knowledge to see what they could do to keep him and his impression was that the board would give him \$250 and give what they took off his support to the man at Greely, it might be possible to give a man's whole time to Greely and still let him remain there and he thought Greely would do so much better for a man's whole time and Evans would do so much better by his remaining that it would be as economical for the board and much better for the churches. While I could give no encouragement that this plan would be accepted I told him I would submit it to your consideration. And could you arrange to continue some support to Mr. Stewart and let him preach on till Fall and during that time give a man's whole time to Greely, he could then tell whether they could raise enough at Greely to justify the arrangement. Unless the man who goes to Greely is prudent Father Thompson will be a thorn in his side but if he succeeds in managing to keep on the right side of him he will be some help to him. I think the old gentleman's daughter-in-law and her brother (Dr. Hawes) fully understand the old gentleman's weakness. The elder of the Thompson boys (J. K. Thompson) and the less influential one was away on the round up and I did not see him. My advice would be, put a man on the field just as soon as possible if you let it remain long the church will be scattered, I am satisfied this is the old man's object so he may say it was owing to the way in which he was treated by the board and yourself. Mr. and Mrs. Annis had thought of leaving the church they will not do so now, but send a man on soon as you can. What ever course is pursued Mr. Stewart will acquiesce, he struck me as a man of most lovely christian character. W. F. Thompson showed me all the attention and kindness possible and I think will try to do what is right. The old gentleman was also very kind to me personally and showed me every attention possible. My visit was one of the most pleasant I ever made old Mr. and Mrs. Hanna and myself had a number of mutual acquaintances. But I must close. With kind regards to your family.

J. V. Coshick.

P. S. Finks has written me that they have fixed on June 24th for the dedication of their church, as it is the last sabbath of the quarter, I will be compelled to ask him to defer it till the 1st sabbath in July as our S. S. review is the 24th. I will not go to the hills till the middle of July. I got all three of your letters.

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Portland, Oregon  
June 11, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson  
Dear brother:

Your letter of June 1st announcing that the board has directed you to visit Idaho, Eastern Oregon, and Eastern Washington and your request that I should send you at once any information in my possession that will assist in the work, has been received and I cheerfully comply.

The Presbytery of Oregon adjourned to meet in Idaho, leaving time and place to the Moderator. I shall now defer the meeting until I see you here as I confidently expect to do.

There are a number of points which ought to be visited in Idaho and Eastern Oregon under the care of the Presbytery of Oregon also in Eastern Washington under the care of the Presbytery of Puget Sound. All of these of course are in the boundary of the "The synod of the Columbia". Rev. J. R. Thompson, itinerant of the Pres. of Puget Sound visited some of these places in May. As he was about to itinerant in Eastern Washington I requested him to examine some of our points of interest. But he did not visit them all, and next to none in Washington outside of Walla Walla.

I will give you the names of only places with respect to which I have so definite information as to justify a visit. There is a large region outside of these in which there are many places that ought to be visited.

We are quite desirous of securing the services of a competent man to act as Missionary for our synod. We have no man in the synod who is qualified for this work that can accept it at present. Perhaps you can think of some suitable person among whose qualifications a devotional spirit is not lacking.

As you are going over the ground, I omit many particulars which will come to your knowledge while you are canvassing the region. But I want you to come to Portland for I wish to receive all the information which you will gather with such details as we never put in letters.

As I am chairman of the Executive Committee both of the Presbytery and the synod you will understand my desire for such information.

Six brethren are on the way hither from the East but "What are these among so many"? We need three times six.

I shall get the pass for you to-morrow if possible. The O. S. N. Co. send boats during the present stage of water to Lewiston, and Idaho. I will get the pass for the entire route. I will send one to Denver and (as this night fail to reach you) another to Lewiston or rather Lapwai, care of J. B. Moneth, Agent Reservation.

I send this letter to-night to ensure despatch. I omit what I may find time to write to-morrow. If not I shall communicate some important suggestions in the letter addressed to you at Lapwai.

Faithfully Yours in the Lord,  
A. I. Lindsley

Localities in Idaho  
Lewiston  
Lapwai (Nez )  
Kania  
Mt. Idaho  
Paradise Valley  
Warren's Diggins

In Washington Terr.  
Dayton (S. M. Waite)  
Waitsburg  
Walla Walla Rev.  
Colfax  
Spokane Falls  
Calville Valley  
Palouse river country  
Grand Ronde Valley  
Auburn  
Baker City

In Oregon Unabilla tribe of Indians  
Pendleton  
Cannon City  
John Dayriver Country

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Lapwai, Idaho Terr.  
June 14, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Rev. and Dear Sir:

Yours of the 1st is just received. About four weeks ago Rev. J. W. R. Thompson of Olympia made a missionary visit to this section of the country and found many places in need of settled ministers. I do not think the Presbyterian church has a representation in the form of a minister in Eastern Oregon or Idaho unless it be the Cumberland Branch.

There are many good points, La Grande I believe is the principle point in Eastern Oregon and the centre of a fine country, besides there are many towns springing up all through that region.

In Idaho Boise City is the principle place and I have understood a good point. In this section there are a number of small places and the country is filling up very fast with people from the Eastern states and Cal.

There is no preaching excepting what is done by Methodists. We have a minister (A.P) on this Reservation who teaches one of the schools and preaches to the Ind. We need a missionary. I should be much pleased to have you visit this Reservation and see what can be done with the Ind.

Very Truly Yours,  
Jno. B. Monteith  
Ind. Agent

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23 Center St.  
June 15, 1877

Dear brother Jackson:

Have begun one of the longest letters you ever read.

1. We send Mr. MacAllister Com. for \$50 (students rate the last two years) for work at Idaho Springs, etc.
2. Crittendon, Montana granted in full.
3. Finks, granted in full.
4. Cowhick granted in full with full permission to go into the Black Hills for three month provided the arrangement you spoke of between Mr. McGaughey and Mr. Cowhick be carried. That is we accede to that arrangement. But we hope you and C. are sure that McG. is the right man for the Black Hills, still more, we had a letter from Rev. R. D. Shaw at Deadwood a Presbyterian minister whom I know. He has been about ten years in the ministr<sup>y</sup> is not brilliant or successful and perhaps went there to mine and make money, he is from Moravia, Cayuga Co. N.Y. He made the acquaintance of Moreross the Congregational minister at Deadwood and had visited Rapid City, Gayville Custer City, and Golden Gate and was about to visit Spearfish, New Chicago, Galina, Custer City and Crook City. He is a good man but I have not much hope of him. But we commissioned him for three months to try his hand, I will write Cowhick about him too.
5. John Wilson, Georgetown we declined. They raise enough to support him.
- 6 .H. B. Gage granted \$150.
7. E. P. Welsh commissioned price of salary to be fixed.
8. Holm Pueblo granted \$700.
9. G. H. Darley had \$600 last year ask for \$1200 this year granted \$800
10. Brown Central, Black Hawk granted \$200 and that is the last. We must have two more self-sustaining fields in Col. viz: Georgetown and Brown's
11. Teitsworth refer for correspondence. We have some doubts, when we sent Smith over to Rosita the people didn't give enough to pay his horse hire. I think that \$300 from the people is guessed at not subscribed. I fear there is no field there. If there is anything to be done there T. will do it, but I am afraid there is no chance and we don't want to throw away \$900. If you have any light on the subject, give it to us for T. seems to be perfectly blind on your statement simply and so did the Presbytery in endorsing the application. Give us light if you have it.
12. Bliss, Denver. This is serious business. The time seems to us to have come for this church and the 17th St. to unite. We are going at it. They are close together. One property sold can pay the debt on both, be self sustaining. Tell us how to work this job, to whom to write and how to manage the case. It ought and must be done.
13. Palmer, he and his wife are accepted and commissioned, subject to such conditions as you suggest. The \$500 for his wife we will guarantee but depend on your ladies to furnish. I have written the Dr. and suppose we shall have a good deal of correspondence before they go. Mr. Eaton says that money should be sent here for Mrs. Palmer. Then this account can be kept straight.

Commissions have been sent to them both somewhat informal of course.

14. Before you receive this you will see in the N. Y. Evangelist the death of our dear brother Clark. He never did anything after that meeting but go home and die.
15. We have had a capital letter from McNiece, Condit, and the two Boyds preached for the Presby. Cong. and M. E. churches, Sunday and all came together to hear McNiece in the evening. He is delighted with the place and the people. I have not heard from McMillan or Roberts since the Assembly.
16. I shall write Frozer about Robinson. Dr. Fells rather thinks Robinson is the man for Alaska.
17. Push on your acquaintance with Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ at Council Bluffs and see what you develop. You must have Dr. Shaw an offer or assurance of help from the Indian Dept. in some good and reliable shape. As to teachers of which you have furnished a long list. I hope to take at least one of Mr. Coyner's teachers. New Jersey ladies another, and Northern N. Y. ladies the 3rd. The Baltimore ladies are probably good for the two at Mt. Pleasant Utah
- Now how many other points are just ready for teachers? that is if the teachers stood ready, now where are the points that are ready for them? Now!
- I had a great deal of good talk with you at the Assembly, but it was mixed with so much else that I need it all put down on paper.
- Let me hear from you as often as possible. Dr. Dickson has just this moment parted with us for Europe.

Yours Truly,

H. Kendall

P. S. Now let us talk a little more about the trip to New Mexico. Will it not be best to plan to have Dr. Palmer and wife go with us. Think of that, but if we go Mrs. K. will be very anxious to have Mrs. Jackson go along too.

You are very tough and used to rough travelling if you think the roughness would not be too hard for such ladies as your wife and mine. How will sleeping on the ground suit them. I think of my poor bones too. Is not Sept. a little early will it not be very hot then? Would Oct. be equally safe from storms? How would it do to leave Denver about Oct. 20th after the synod? Would there be danger of storms there in Nov.? Do you have storms as early as Nov. 20, at Denver?

Open the subject little by little to us and step by step. How many blankets and wraps and robes and medicine and provisions shall we stock the ambulance with?

Yours Truly,

H. Kendall

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Memorial to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Session at Chicago, Illinois, May 17-30, 1877, prepared by Dr. Sheldon Jackson, and adopted by the Commissioners of the Synods of Kansas, Colorado and Columbia, asking for boundary lines between Home and foreign Mission work.

The Commissioners from the Synods of Kansas, Colorado and the Columbia respectfully present for the consideration of the General Assembly the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas In the wondrous development of our land both the population of the country and the Home Mission work of the Church have surrounded and entered into the various fields of effort among the Indians; so that tribes which were formerly distant from the white settlements and difficult of access are now brought near by railways and the advance of civilization and are thereby brought under the direct oversight and care of our frontier presbyteries, And

Whereas The time has come when an economical distribution of the general work of missions should place all evangelistic efforts within the United States under the Home Board, leaving all the rest of the world to be provided for by the Foreign Board, And

Whereas The world-wide call for laborers and the means for their support, find no adequate response for the prosecution of our Mission work, And

Whereas For several years the Home Board has successfully conducted Missionary Operations among the Indians in various parts of the country with the evident blessing of God upon their labors, so that the change which is imperatively demanded by the signs of the times cannot now be considered an experiment, Therefore,

RESOLVED, That all the work among the Indians within the respective limits of the Synods of Kansas, Colorado and the Columbia be henceforth committed to the Home Board, which is hereby required to take charge of the same.

In behalf of the Commissioners of the Synods of Kansas, Colorado and the Columbia.

Howard W. Stratton,  
Chairman of Commission.

Chicago, May 7, 1877.

Portland, Oregon  
June 17, 1877

Dear brother Jackson:

Enclosed I send pass from Lewiston to Portland. I hope it will catch you at Denver. If not it can be forwarded to you. Whoever therefore reads this note will understand, that your route will be by stage from Walla Walla to Lewiston passing through Waitsburg and Dayton villages. Around Lewiston and beyond are Lapwai, Kamia, Mt. Idaho, Oro Fino Mines, Canas Prairie, and perhaps Paradise Valley is most accessible from Lewiston or Lapwai.

But the return trip from Lewiston or Palouse Landing will be to Wallula whence some of the needy places are accessible/ then down to Umatilla 25 miles. But if the Pendleton region and Eastern Oregon have been attended to before going to Walla Walla, or on arrival by stage, then take steanboat down to Portland.

There may be best of reasons for changing the above route. My aim is accomplished if this pass is made serviceable between Lewiston and Umatilla.

I hope to send at least one of the brethren now under commission for this synod into Idaho. We ought to have several more for that region.

Faithfully Yours in the Gospel,  
A. L. Lindsley

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Olympiã, Washington  
June, 1877

Dear brother Jackson:

Your note just receieved. I returned last week from a visit of exploration in northeast Idaho, Eastern Washington and northeast Oregon. There is no work for you to do there but go over the ground the second time. But Pierce City Oro Fino and Boise City in Southern Idaho also Baker City Round Valley and other places in southeast Oregon should be visited.

I shall be glad to hear from you in Olympia.

I shall write particulars to-morrow.

J. R. Thompson

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Seattle, W. T.  
June, 18, 1877

Dear brother Jackson;

Your brief note of June 1st was received and I answered briefly by card one week ago. Since that time I have been in Seattle at Presbytery, acting as clerk in a trial which which has kept me too busy to think or write much about anything except the case.

In my card to you I said that I had explored all Eastern Washington, also Nez Peice County and Camas Prairie in Western Idaho, Lee and Matilla Co. in Eastern Oregon. I mentioned Boise City and Piece City in Idaho and Baker City in Baker County Oregon. I now write to say that there is a city called La Grand in the Grand Round Valley in Union County and another city as large (I do not know the name) in the Same Valley which is in Union County, Eastern Oregon.

Cannon City is situated at the head of John Day river on the west side of the Blue Mountains in Grand County Eastern Oregon. There is also a town in Ocheco County, Eastern Oregon of which I do not know the name.

If you do these places thoroughly you will require at least 5 or 6 months unless you simply wish to visit the ground and report. You may as well save yourself the trouble of going over the ground which I have explored because I have fully reported the want of that part of the vineyard to the Presbyteries and to the Board of Home Missions. If you can take a run down to the Sound I shall be delighted to see you and of course if you can spend a few days with me I shall be more delighted still. I trust you may have time to explore and organize thoroughly in the unexplored parts of our synodical field. We have about 600,000 square miles of territory.

With kind regards and hopes of seeing you. I remain

Very Truly Yours,

J. R. Thompson

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Resita, Colo.

June 21, 1877

My dear brother Welsh:

We are approaching the fourth of July, and it may be that I have done you a wrong. You wanted me to say to the people of Poucha Springs that you would make them a visit within a month.

But they will expect you among them on the fourth. I took the liberty of saying I thought you would, as you already know. There will be crowds of people that will gather, and all will be glad to see you and hear you. Please go if you can.

We had a communion season at Poncha Springs last Sabbath. It was a pleasant and profitable season.

As I wrote you before, if you decide to go, you can go as far as Brown's Creek Monday, and remain over with Mr. Evans. You might send an appointment ahead and preach Tuesday night. You will have a good visit in the family.

I reached Rosita Tuesday night of this week. All seem to be glad to see me. Have arranged for preaching, morning and evening next Sabbath.

Have you seen anything after the shipment of my goods. Please let me know when they were shipped, I need them the very worst way. It was the necessity that lead me to trouble you.

You will find the Session Book at Poncha Springs all in order. We had the first meeting last Sabbath. The people then had decided to write you to preach once a month. They will do all they can in way of support.

Session meeting at Alma in the town hall immediately after preparatory lecture. Present W. P. Teitsworth and Nathan McKillip opened with prayer.

According to previous announcement it was arranged to celebrate the Lord's Supper on the morrow.

The condition of the church was : of, and it was agreed that the Lord had opened the way for Gospel work. The church felt glad that the Rev. E. P. Welsh would soon be among them. They will hail him with joy.

Session adjourned

Closed with prayer

W. P. Teitsworth, Mod.

Write Rev. Jackson and ask him if he cannot make you a present of one of the Board's Session Book's for the Alma church. He gives to all.

I hope you will be abundantly prospered in your field.

If it is possible please don't disappoint the people on the Arkansas on the fourth.

Fraternally,

W. P. Teitsworth

Georgetown, Colo.

June 21, 1877

Dear brother Jackson:

I have just received postal card from Dr. Kendall, who writes as follows, "The support which your people promise surpasses the salaries of nearly all the missionaries of the state. The application is therefore respectfully declined and we congratulate your people on adding another to the self-supporting churches of the state".

If this be the ultimatum of the Board it can only result in greivous injury to me financially and in disaster to the church. We have lost already by removals over \$100 from support, and in a few weeks Brother Fement leaves for his old home east, which will cut off another \$100 or more. Our church has grown in numbers since my coming but scarcely in means. Brother Stewart lost his mill by fire just before I came away, and has not, because unable given a dollar to my support nor will he as I understand this year. This is not from unwillingness, for I have no firmer friend and helper then he, but from want of means.

Now, My Dear Sir, will you be kind enough to use your influence with the board for a reconsideration of their decisions?

So far as I am concerned I can be self-supporting, but at the present time the first church at Georgetown cannot.

My work has only fairly opened here, and I have no wish to remove, but I cannot live on an inadequate salary and if I go away the Congregationalists will go immediately to work. As it is we are absorbing them gradually but in case of an inter-regnum they will have a minister in the field immediately.

This I know, having met but a week ago the Agent Mr. Sheldon of Yankton, of the Home Missionary Society, who has been looking over the field.

If the declination of the Board is final in the case it will not matter a tithe to me as to the welfare of the church in this place. I trust that you will so represent our case that some aid at least will be granted. Trusting that you and yours are in good health, I remain

Very Sincerely Yours,  
John Wilson

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23 Center St.

June 22, 1877

Dear Jackson:

What on earth is A. M. Darley doing with the Mexican people? In other words who are these men that he employs to interpret and help him carry on meetings.

I am more distressed then I can describe at his heedless career. He is all right but who are these men? He is wholly at their mercy, they can impose on him to the last degree. It must be stopped, stopped at once till we know something about these men if they are found to be all right we will go ahead. He proposes to ask a commission for O' Conner an Irishman and what else! He can't get it. We will not look at his application or at any application of the sort from your Presbytery without

the fullest references from brethren in New Mexico. Stop the whole thing and at once and let us begin at the beginning if we propose to do anything.

Yours Truly,  
H. Kendall

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Portland, Oregon  
June 25, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Brother:

Our synod as you know covers a very extensive region, and we are without a synodical missionary. The only itineracy is done by Rev. J. R. Thompson who serves half his time as stated supply at Olympia W. T. And his labors are confined to the Presbytery at Puget Sound. Under these circumstances, I encouraged your coming to survey our destitutions, but the disturbed state of affairs in Idaho, may render it inexpedient for you to come at present. There is less need now in consequence of the fact that Rev. J. R. T. has done some of this work for the Presbytery of Oregon in Idaho, and Eastern Oregon. Three brethren have also been recently sent up into that region of country; two with free commissions (which involves the examinations of various localities) to settle where they choose and the third, Rev. E. N. Condit to itinerate. They will no doubt obviate the need of your coming here after a part of this work as per letter, I requested you to execute through the very region now agitated by the Indian outbreaks. You will infer rightly from the foregoing that I shall not address any letter to you at Lapwai as I had intended. I forwarded to Denver a letter containing an O. S. N. Pass from Lewiston to Portland covering all charges+++ The Nez PERCES outbreak is the old story of the cupidity of the whites and the neglect and injustice of the government. The Nez Perces on the reservation are quiet and law abiding. The belligerents were the outsiders who were required to leave the land which the government guaranteed to them under the "First treaty" and go upon the reservation which was designated in the second.

Faithfully Yours in the cause of all souls that dwell in our country,

A. L. Lindsley

At the June meeting of the BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS of the Presbyterian Church, the following action was taken on the application from the Synod of Colorado.

23 Centre St., New York 1877	Whole Salary	Amount asked	Amount granted
R. M. Brown	\$1,500	\$500	\$200
C. A. Holm	1,200	700	700
G. M. Darley	1,500	1,200	800
E. D. Shaw Blk. Hills 3 no.			200
H. B. Gage	1,100	200	150
D. E. Finks	1,200	500	500
J. McAllister	200	100	50
W. P. Teitsworth	Ref'd for correspondence		
T. E. Bliss	" "		
J. W. Wilson	2,000	500	declined
H. R. Palmer		700	700
L. B. Crittenden	1,000	900	900
S. Jackson D. D.	Stand as it was		

N. Mendal  
Cyrus Dickson Sec's

Lake City, Colorado,  
June 25th, 1877.

Dear Brother,

Yours of the 16th received. I am glad to know that you succeeded in getting to Silverton. I had a rather unpleasant trip back to Lake City, on account of the streams being so swollen.

The specimens you speak of, I think can be had in any amount during the summer. I shall do my best to obtain a nice lot for you.

No word from the Board in regard to the \$57.25 sent by the ladies. We received \$22 from six little girls. The money was sent by Mrs. Hardy from Denver. It was a God send to us. I hope you received your baggage.

Yours in the end hope,

Geo. M. Darley.

P. S. I think the field at Ouray will be clear next month. Mrs. Darley sends regards.

D. M. H.

23 Centre St., New York.  
June 25th, 1877.

Dear Brother Jackson, I arrived Saturday. Sprnt yesterday at Elizabeth, New Jersey, with some good results. Expect to start west in a week. Dr. Kendal thinks you are at Walla Walla. I have a brotner at Portland, Oregon who longs to enter the mission work at Utah. He is a lay worker but I want to bring him up standing into the pulpit. He has always felt that he ought to preach but circumstances compelled him to abandon or at least to suspend his work of preparation. He has proved himself a successful school teacher, and S. S. Superintendant. He wants to come to Utah as a lay missionary and devote himself to the work, with the ministry ultimatum in view. Dr. Kendal thinks favorably of it. He can take entire charge of my school at Mt. Pleasant or open a new field. If you can call on him, it might be worth your while, either in securing a good worker for our field, or protecting the field from a bad one. A postal card or message to him at any time will secure a meeting with him at any designated point in Portland. His address is J. S. MacMillan, Portland, Oregon. I addressed the ladies of Brooklyn, Wednesday.

Yours fraternally,

J. S. MacMillan.

P. S. Carson is in debt and cannot go now. If brotner seems the right man could'nt he go to Cache

Idaho Springs, Col.  
June 25th, 1877.

Dear Brother,

I hardly know how to write to you this morning. I have since you made the announcement of my removal, had so many warm expressions of regard, unlooked for evidences of my usefulness and the oneness of the people, that I confess my surprise. God has indeed been kind to me. I cannot now leave after calm reflection. I can see it would be rather an unfortunate time. I do not yet know whether at our approaching communion we may have additions on confession, but certainly an interest has been awakened in religious matters that is most gratifying and that fill our little struggling band with hope. Last Sabbath evening we had a very fine audience, and I believe even this present little alarm has cemented us together and will be blessed to us. I regret not going to Silverton. To see so much of Colorado is a temptation but it will give reality to my expression of regret. I cannot now see after more careful consideration that it would be best to leave Idaho. I hope you will speedily find someone who will be able to devote a longer time to the work and be more



effectual than I could have been.

I am going to Caribou and Nederland next Sunday (Brother Stewart being intimated for communion services here next Sunday) In the event of Mr. Johnson's appearance here a few weeks before my leaving it will be an advantage to the church and to him. Meanwhile I will not be idle.

I will start for Caribou as you suggested on Thursday morning and preach at Rollinsville and Nederland. I have an impression that you said you were going over, please let me go this Sunday if it won't interfere, as I prefer to go when our pulpit here is occupied to leaving a blank Sunday.

Of course if you are going you can telegraph me in time in which case I will preach at Mill City in the morning and Spanish Bar in the evening.

With apologies for any trouble I may have occasioned you and a desire for your prayer on our work, I remain

Yours Very Truly,

John MacAllister

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Idaho Springs, Colo.

June 26, 1877

Mr. Jackson;

Dear Sir and Brother;

I am very sorry I could not have been at church on Sabbath morning to have seen you. I do not feel nor does any of our members that we can let Mr. MacAllister go, he is beloved by the people and we think that if he remains with us until September he can do a good work and more we have told the people that he was going to remain and with that view we got an entertainment and raised some money for him to complete the work all ready begun in the church.

Now we have not more than half money enough to complete the church if it be put in another person's hands; but if Mr. MacAllister be allowed to remain he can with what money we have do the work in good shape. Besides if he leaves there will be a good deal of dissatisfaction in the congregation for they expect him to go on at once with the work, and we have promised them that he would preach for them until the first of September. I am very glad to hear that we will have a permanent minister if he should arrive two or three weeks or even more before Mr. MacAllister leaves. I am sure it will be all the better for then he can take up the work where the other leaves off, whereas if there was a vacancy for one month it would take him three months to gain the ground again that would be lost.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

Yours Respectfully,  
Sylvanus L. Bonham

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Del Norte, Colo.  
June 26, 1877

Dear brother Jackson;

Many thanks for the \$225 for so long a time. I hope I may be able to pay it before its expiration. It will if all prospers as I hope and expect, under God, enable me to get out of debt this ecclesiastical year.

I've sent an application for O'Conner for \$400. Its the very least that will do in view of outfitting and beginning work. We have been offered a building 120 by 21 feet in Conejos for school.

We enter the Western part of Conejos Co. next week.

We have secured Children's and Shuter Catechisms in Spanish.

The people are delighted with them.

St. John the Baptist's day with its drinking, dancing, and horse racing passed last Sabbath, and yet our chapel "Oraterio Espanal" had its usual, and an increase of audience.

Mrs. Darley sends regards and I remain

Gratefully Yours,  
A. M. Darley

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Idaho Springs, Colo.  
June 27, 1877

Rev. Dr. Jackson

Dear Brother;

I am very sorry about this Silverton matter I must have put you to some in convenience. I regret now that I did not first consult the people before deciding to accept your proposal. I should have taken more time to make up my mind. But I cannot now go without disregarding my conscientious idea of duty, and some personal feelings. The former I have stated in yesterdays letter, the latter are these.

The new station is difficult to reach, and on the way as well as while there would be considerable horseback travel. I have been only once in the saddle for six years, and have no idea of horse management.

The altitude of Silverton is too great. I came west with a view to cure catarrh. The physician here would not recommend the climate of San Juan especially during rainy season. Mr. Stewart was here yesterday, have made all arrangements for his preaching Sunday morning. And have intimated usual services here after.

Yours Very Respectfully,  
John MacAllister

P. S. Have me e arrangements to go to Caribou Sunday.

My dear brother;

It is with more regret than I can express that I received your refusal to go to Animas Valley. This decision persisted in injuries yourself, injuries the church at Idaho and hinders the Mission work of the Presbytery. In general it will be the occasion of more damage than all your summer work will do good. It damages yourself in the eyes of the church. When you came out here you placed yourself under the direction of the Home Mission Committee of Presbytery. And it has been the rule from the beginning of the Presbytery, to send summer men here and there, just as the exigencies of the work seems to require. If the good of the work seems to the committee to require it, they can send you to a new place every Sabbath, only so that they pay your expenses. Now in declining to go to Animas Valley you are declining to do the work for which they accepted your services and consequently we will not consider ourselves further responsible for your expenses. Further only knowing the wants of one field, you set your judgement up against those who have long been on the field and who are appointed by the Presbytery to keep themselves posted with reference to the relative needs of the whole field and direct mission work accordingly. Your preaching at Idaho or in any other pulpit of this Presbytery is dependant on the permission of this committee. Your course, if persisted in, will probably leave the church in Idaho, vacant all winter as the man we would send to Idaho this month, will have to be sent to Animas Valley. I have no expectation of another to supply his place at Idaho, when you leave in the fall. Upon your agreeing to go I placed a notice to that effect in the Silverton paper, and a failure will be damaging. The miners will construe it to a lack of pluck on your part.

Sincerely Yours,  
Sheldon Jackson

Alma, Colo.

June 27, 1877

Session met in the town hall immediately after preaching. Present Elder N. McKillip and Rev. E. P. Welsh, acting Moderator. Mrs. Grace Caley appeared before the Session and was examined on her religious experience, when, having made a satisfactory profession of her faith in Christ, she was admitted to the sealing ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper. Closed with prayer.

E. P. Welsh, Mod.

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Fairplay, Colo.

June 28, 1877

Dear brother Jackson;

I am just going to make my first trip to Ark. Valley. I will not report in full till I return. My health is poor. I have fourteen members on ground twenty three attendance good both at morning, S. S. and evening service. I have preached twice at Alma scarcely know what I have there yet, but am encouraged. Seen Brother Finks and wife also Brother Teitsworth. Performed my first marriage ceremony today for a couple from Lake Co. Have not entered into obligations here yet, church wanted time and so did I.

Yours,

Edward P. Welsh

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Colorado Springs, Colo.

June 30, 1877

Dear brother Jackson;

It seems to me that if Dr. Thomas confirms his promise in regard to the money that I shall have lost just that much time in waiting and if he does not then so much the more need of as long a time as possible in the East and am minded if I may consider that the money raised in this synod is to go as far as possible in the work, and that I may feel that my wife and children have that to go on together my means together and start at once for the East. And go in the faith that the Lord will not only build our premises but supply the remainder of the needed for our living.

If this meets your approval and you have got the half fare rates over the roads, please let me know at once and I will be off. Our ladies here have raised their share of the amount.

Yours in firm faith,  
Henry W. Palmer

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Idaho Springs, Colo.  
July 1, 1877

Dr. Jackson,  
Dear Sir;

Mr. Rotham showed me your letter, from which I judge you still insist that Mr. MacAllister should go to Silverton Well if he must, I suppose he must; But it seems to me to be leaving a flock to strangers till a new shepherd can be had. As you have been told, Mr. MacAllister has the hearts of the people here; and it seemed to me the best thing for the church would be to have him remain till the new pastor had arrived and introduce him to the people before he left for other fields I almost fear being left in this pastorless condition for even a few weeks will scatter the sheep entirely.

It does seem as if it would strenghten the hands of the new pastor to have someone so well liked take him around to there homes and make him acquainted with his people; otherwise he will have to work two or three months at a disadvantage in becoming acquainted with the wants and disposition of each one. I of course, will help all I can, but I am a stranger, myself and know little of the likes or dislikes of anyone. I do not even know all the members of either our own church or of the Methodist. It excuse us if we seem obstinate for we do not mean so to be; but we are trying to do the best thing for the new church. We want it to grow in grace as well as in numbers, and feel that much may be lost by having no one with us whom we can look to as our own. I hope Mr. Johnson will come soon and get started before we lose what we have all ready gained.

Respectfully Yours,  
W.A. Peck .

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Lake City  
July 4, 1877

Dear brother;

Yours received. God willing I will be in Silverton on the 6th; and at Anamos City by the 9th. Will write you the particulars on my return. Please except thanks for papers and reports; and for the many kindnesses you have showed me.  
Wife sends regards.

Yours in the one hope,  
G. M. Darley

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Idaho Springs, Colo.  
July 4, 1877

Rev. Dr. Jackson

Dear brother;

I got back from Rollinsville last night, preached there the night previous, and at Nederland and at Caribou as you suggested; was well received and hospitably treated all through. I believe quite a work might be accomplished at both the last named places; and with someone to lead a membership, and organization might speedily arise. I believe the school houses at both points might for a time be sufficient, was pressed to intimate further appointments at both places; preaching once a month is quite insufficient.

The Methodist have the field at Caribou, Nederland is quite uncared. I rode all the way, the most riding I have ever done; am tired out today in consequence.

About the Silverton matter I expect to see you to-morrow. You will please take dinner with me and we will have time to talk about San Juan.

I have no desire either to be unreasonable or to appear to dictate to the "Mission Committee" but I do think they err in laying upon me a new engagement when the work which I undertook is only half done. There was nothing said either in your letters or in the interview with Mr. Bliss that could have hindered me from laying my plans for all summer work at Idaho which I have done. I may not be so suitable for San Juan and am desirous of accomplishing something; and willing to deny myself for the greatest good.

I have a return tourist's ticket issued by the C. B. and Q. R R (Chicago) to Denver. Which expires the second of August. I have a privilege of extension till the second of October on the C. B. and Q. portion of road, and would like, if you could procure a like extension for me on the Hannibal and St. Joseph R R. and Kansas Pacific railway as should I go further south I will require a little latitude in returning. The ticket is "Form Ex. 450 No. 80.

Yours Respectfully,  
John MacAllister

San Francisco, Cal.

July 5, 1877

Rev. Dr. Jackson,  
Dear Sir;

Yours of the 29th of June last was received this morning. The steamer "California" leaves Portland the 1st of each month, only, and from the Agent here P. B. Cornwall Esq. I have received the enclosed letter giving you a passage to Sitka and back at half fare which is the best he says he can do. I showed him Mr. Frenches letter which you enclosed, (and which I return to you enclosed) but it did not shake his decision to concede half fare, only. Mr. Cornwall thinks it a waste of time to visit Sitka, but says if you could only reach the members of the Alaska fur company in this city, there is room to do a good work with them. I think it very likely that the members of the fur company are a godless set, but I hope you may be able also, to do something with the Indians. Wishing you great success, and sorry that I did not succeed in getting a free pass, with kindest regards from Mrs. Roberts and myself, I am my dear sir

Very Respectfully Yours,

James B. Roberts

P. S. You will observe that you can get aboard the steamer either at Portland or Victoria.

J. B. R.

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Lake City, Colo.

July 5, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson  
Dear Sir;

Your cheque just received. Please accept my thanks, just now the means are greatly needed. Mr. Darley starts on horse back tomorrow. Many thanks for the leaflets. Give my regards to the "little women".

Mrs. G. M. Darley

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Idaho Springs, Colo. July 6, 1877

Received of Sheldon Jackson, One hundred and seventy five dollars for Mission Work at Idaho and San Juan Region  
John MacAllister

Idaho Springs, Colo.  
July 7, 1877

My dear brother;

Your letter of 6th is received. I will start Tuesday as fixed, and will push on with all haste.

Enclosed please find receipt for one hundred and seventy five dollars. I may state that my expenses up till Tuesday next come near to the amount enclosed give you bill of them. By the way have you secured extension of time on my ticket.

Yours Very Truly,  
John MacAllister

Chicago to Denver and return-----	65.00
Sleeping car-----	5.00
Hotel expenses-----	6.00
Hotel expenses at Idaho-----	1.00
R. R. to Floyd Hill-----	1.65
Stage to Idaho, and porterage-----	1.00
Freight on books-----	7.50
Expenses to Caribou-----	2.05
Board to Mrs. Willett-----	82.00
Washing-----	6.00
	<u>177.20</u>
Balance-----	11.15
	<u>188.35</u>

Receipts from Dr. Jackson-----	175.00
" " Collection Idaho-----	10.65
" " Nederland-----	1.35
" " Caribou-----	1.35
	<u>188.35</u>

The above does not include many necessary items as wear and tear of books, postage, and papers &c.

The Idaho collection may look small to you but I bought new hymn books for choir (with notes) and congregation (without notes) out of this

Advanced John MacAllister

Rec'd from Mrs. S. C. Jackson-----	25.00
" " Budgeville Pa.-----	19.85
Mrs. Wendall-----	50.00
Lewis Horsefale-----	12.00
Julia Peabody-----	10.00
Board of Home Missions-----	8.15
	<u>125.00</u>
Balance-----	50.00



Laramie City, Wyoming  
July 7, 1877

Dear brother Jackson:

I have not heard from Brother McMillan in regard to the Utah field and myself, I do not know that I ought to settle here. I have had a hard time and so many discouragements that perhaps some other one had better take up the thread where I could leave it. Such a one would not have to content with what I have had and perhaps the church would take a stand under him which I cannot give it. Besides I do not know but the remainder of my days might be spent in giving fields a start. There has been something done as you will see by the little clipping from the "Sentinal" which I send you for an item in the R. M. P. This is no particular argument against my going away to another, if the brethern should think it better for the cause in general. The fact is a man unless he is a giant exhausts himself here in Western travel just about the time he gets fairly going.

Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and the children. Accept much love and admiration from us all for yourself.

Yours in the Gospel,  
W. E. Hamilton

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Georgetown, Colo.  
July 9, 1877

Dear Friends;

Dr. Jackson's letter of 7th inst, inclosing cheque for \$25 has just come to hand. We thank you very much for the remittance, which was wholly unexpected at this time. We will make the money go as far as possible, and get as much pleasure and benefit out of it for your Dear Daughters as we can. They are getting along nicely, and seem to be contented. They are not giving us any trouble, as we are accustomed to a house full of children. They rested after this up trip till Saturday after dinner, and then with our Jessie and two neighboring girls went to "Devil's Gate" spending the entire afternoon, climbing the rocks, gathering strawberries and flowers, and having a general good time. On yesterday they went with us to church in the morning. And as we were just having our first summer rains remained in the church until after Sunday school. The afternoon was quite wet and we thought it best not to insist on their attending service at night.

Today they have been reading, writing, and sunning around a little rather a quite time. Tomorrow, if pleasant they, with Jessie and Miss Helen Elliott a very nice girl living next door, intend to go to a notch on Leavenworth Mt. in sight of our house and

spen most of the day. If all are well on Wednesday the quartette accompanied by self will visit Greene Lake. You need not worry about them in the least, we will watch over them as over our own. As to being "too troublesome" we are not at all alarmed. The weather is now delightfully cool since our rain of yesterday. The thermometer in study window open, indicates 64°. We will most likely have rain falls every day for sometime to come, enough to cool the air and lay the dust.

Trusting that Dr. Jackson will have a prosperous journey and that those at home will be sheltered beneath the Almighty wings I am

Very Sincerely Yours,  
John Wilson

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Port Defiance, A. T.  
July 9, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson  
Supt. Presbyterian Missions  
Denver, Colo.

Dear Sir;

Have written once and forwarded you two little packages (registered) I hope you received them all safe. Cannot give much news, as you are very little here to furnish it from, except the Indians. Since your departure from here they were quite busy for a while farming, and a number have fair prospects of a good harvest. I visited Canon De Chelly in company with General Hatch and some officers of Port Wingate, in the party were two ladies at starting, who were so fatigued with riding horse back they did not descend into the Canon. The general and all who went into it were highly pleased, and intend making another visit to it with ambulances, as I think a road can be found to enter at the mouth, which is the best way to view it, as the scenery increases in grandeur as the canon in height. My brother goes out to Moqui in a few days for those articles for you.

Mr. Irvine informed me a few days ago, he had resigned to take effect September 30th, and would prefer me relieving him to anyone else.

I cannot tell how I stand with Dr. Lowrie, one thing I am satisfied of, that I have enemies here, who will not scruple to make any false statements, that might be detrimental to me or injure my prospects for the position.

I would therefore es it a great favour if you use your influence with him in my behalf so that I may have a just fair, and unbiased chance.

My brother joins me in kind regards and sends thanks for the papers received.

Yours Very Truly,  
Thomas V. Kearney

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Austin, Texas.  
July 11, 1877

Dear brother Jackson;

Somehow nobody got ready in time to write about Texas for the Assembly, no, I regret it. I intended to write but we were holding meetings and I was very busy and your letter was laid aside.

Now comes the question, do you want anything written for another month, if so for which month? If you do I will try and see that you have two or three articles from good men. I will humbly beg pardon for remissness. I am not satisfied with what you say about coming to Texas. Our need is so great; the work is so urgent, if you could spend two or three years here it would give a start to everything. I am confident of success for I believe God will bless us. The fraternal relations of the northern and southern ch. which seem to contemplate in some respects is an advantage yet to us, for hitherto we have been very much afraid of doing something to hinder fraternal relations. Now we can do as we please, and press our work forward without any reference to them. The situation demands it for I believe there is now no H. M. field that is so ready and needy as parts of Texas. We must have the right man to superintend and. Think again of us you will find plenty of antiquities here and a history to be looked after for two or three hundred years back.

I am sorely tried just now I am urgently invited to Cleveland to take charge of the Woodland Avenue church, and a strong pressure has been brought to bear upon me, but I cannot see it duty to leave Texas especially if my people here will put up at one story of our new church so as to have room enough for our congregation. If you will come and take the missionary work in charge I will not go but will stay and do all in my power to help you. We have received sixty four members since January 1st (45 on confession) Dr. Taylor's family are North. Many kind regards to Mrs. Jackson.

Yours Faithfully,  
Edward B. Wright

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Colorado Springs, Colo.  
July 11, 1877

Dear brother Jackson:

Yours of the 9th received. Thanks. I will write to A. Darley and see if he needs anything. I wish would write me as soon as you know definitely whether I can go with you on your next N. M. and Arizona trip. I told the Session at our last Sessional meeting I wanted to go on such a trip to be gone six or eight weeks and they gave a hearty consent, if I wanted to go. Lourie was always gone six weeks and I never have been gone but a Sabbath at a time here before. If I go I'd want someone to supply the pulpit in my absence. Mary Corton Gage, our little daughter, has been very sick but is cheery now. Paul is a very hearty boy. Mrs. Gage is well, and the church affairs are as usual. Rev. McMeen of the senior class Princeton called yesterday, says he will have to make a home in the R. Mountains somewhere, the doctor has forbidden his preaching for two months. I like him.

Yours,

H. G. Gage

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Washington D. C.  
July 11, 1877

My dear Sir;

I found your letter here on my return. I have had an opportunity of talking with the commissioner of Indian Affairs and the Ass't Sec'y of the Interior, both were favorable. I have missed Sec'y Scheuz each time I have attempted to see him, and Sec'y McCreay of the War Dept. is out of town and will not return till the 15th or thereabouts. It is a case of such a character that it seems best that I should see him personally before the formal application goes forward. I approve the measure heartily and write you at this moment to let you know the exact situation and will write again as soon as I can see Sec'y McCreay. I should like much to be one of your party. My health needs just such a withdrawal for rest, but it now appears as if I should spend the most of the month of August in the Mississippi Valley

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient servant

John Eaton

Commissioner

Greensburg  
July 13, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Sir:

I enclose the sum of twenty five dollars, as before understood to aid in erecting a church for the use and worship of a Tribe of Indians the name of the tribe or the location I cannot give neither I presume is it important. The remaining twenty five dollars will be paid in November perhaps sooner. My earnest prayer is that God will bless the whole amount a thousand fold. When I ascertain the amount to be paid for money order I will add it to the twenty five dollars above mentioned Those new modes of doing things or at least new to me that I really do not know how to express myself when referring to them.

Please inform me when you receive this.

With respects,  
Mary Foster

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23 Center St. N. Y.  
July, 16, 1877

Dear brother;

Don't let your Presbytery deal with Smith with too high a hand. If he won't go to Rosita you had better refer the matter to us. Your move with McAllister is altogether unauthorized. We had commissioned him for \$50. His transfer without consulting us is a thing which I beg you not to repeat. The Presbytery of Colo., the Synodical Missionary had better proceed with care, both have enemies enough not to make others unnecessarily. We must not force things and we must all be compelled to note where our authority and responsibility ends. We cannot be too careful I don't believe Dr. D. would sanction the move as to McAllister.

Yours Truly,  
H. Kendall

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23 Center St. N. Y.  
July 16, 1877

Dear brother Jackson;

I propose to give up all reference to the Synodical meetings and not try and attend any of them.

Let the New Mexico trip take their place, call that settled. Now in that view when is the best time to make the trip and be gone two months? Would not Sept. be very warm in that climate or is the whole of it so high even in New Mexico that it will be sufficiently cool in all parts of the trip? So you may plan for the two months to be most likely comfortable without any reference to Synodical meetings. Let us plan as you do for two months but we not take more than half the time, but we may as well plan for the whole thing.

I have not been able to see Dr. Field yet. Dey hopes but doubts can't tell for ten days yet. Am glad young Montfort is going.

My wife says if there are rivers to ford or the Indians get on rampage down there, she will not go.

Yours Truly,  
H. Kendall

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Lake City, Colo.  
July 16, 1877

Dear brother:

I started as you desired and reached Silverton on time. Preached morning and evening. I found the people looking for McAllister.

Animas City is fifty two miles by trail, reached Animas City the 10th, organized with eleven including J. H. P. Kelly who was away from home but as he had already signed the petition for an organization I included him. Most of the members live in the upper end of the valley.

Preached at Animas City in the evening. Organized on the evening of the 10th. I was eight days in the saddle wet all the time and I am very tired. On going to the Post Office I found a letter from Ouray saying that the M. E. brethren were making an effort to erect a church, the call came loud and strong for me to go over and start to build.

I will go as soon as I am well enough, I have taken a severe cold and it has settled on my lungs.

The people in Lake City are very much dissatisfied at my being away so often, but I cannot help it, I intend to do the best I can for the Master's cause while laboring in the field and if they are dissatisfied I cannot help it.

Yours in Christ,  
G. M. Darley

P. S. I feel as though I ought to go to Ouray tomorrow and commence operations, so if I am able I shall start tomorrow I do hope and trust that I will soon have someone to help me, but I am determined to go as far as my strength will admit.

G. M. D.

West Gordon, Utah  
July 17, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear brother:

I have been in this place about two months, the place is situated on the East bank of the Gordon river about twelve miles South of Salt Lake City. The Bingham Canyon R. R. passes through the place. Few gentile families live here the greater part of the population are Mormons.

The Gentiles have no day school nor S. School for their children. They have a Mormon school but that is worse than no school. Last sabbath I collected all of the Gentile children and some of the Mormon children to my sister's house and called it a sabbath school meeting. We studied the Sunday School lesson and had some singing. The children seemed all to enjoy the meeting.

I have preached in a house almost every sabbath evening to a congregation of both Gentiles and Mormon people. I have been at Bingham Canyon (a mining camp fifteen miles west of this place) and spent a sabbath there and preached for the people in the evening in the M. E. church. The presiding elder preaches there once a month and the people have asked me to come there again to preach for them.

Last sabbath evening I visited Sandy two miles east of this place and I preached in the Mormon School for about forty of a congregation. The Mormon trustee told me that I could use the school house to preach in if I desired to do so. I thanked him for his kindness? There are several Gentile families in Sandy. There is no religious service held in Sandy on the Sabbath only the Roman Catholic priest comes there now and then to preach. It is one of the hardest places morally and religiously considered in the country (so they say)

Something ought to be done with the place, the gospel ought to be preached there to the people and the children ought to be gathered to a sabbath school. I have felt it my duty to remain here and make this a mission work but I cannot be supported by the people because there are only one or two religious families to be found in each of the three above named places. Could I be appointed and helped by the board of Home Missions to labor in this destitute field? I am going to start tomorrow for a two weeks journey with my brother-in-law south of this place. The brethren at Salt Lake City say that this field should be occupied as soon as possible.

Let me have a word from you stating your opinion and advice to me what to do, whether I should take up this field or not or if you have another field you would wish me to occupy.

D. W. James

P. S. I shall be back here in about two weeks and ready to go to work. Address

Rev. D. W. James  
Galena Smelting Works  
West Gordon, Utah

Chicago, Ill.  
July, 17th, 1877.

Rev. Doctor Jackson  
My dear Sir:-

I have yours of June 30th and July 6th. I am very glad the excursion is to be put off. All the better if possible till October 1st, for the weather will be cooler and pleasanter, at least probably so. I called at Gen. Sheridan's office yesterday. He will not be back in less than two months and no one else can order us transportation, except Gen. Pope at Leavenworth. I think either will do it for I know them both, so to the pass east ward, it will be impossible for me to get it. Only our editors, not correspondents can get them on account of the office. The rail ways are very inert in this respect.

I shall carefully preserve your letters and attend to all matters carefully when the time comes.

Wishing you all possible success in your good work,

Ever yours,  
William Cross.

Logansport, Ind.  
July 18th, 1877.

Dr? Jackson,  
Dear Sir:-

I came again, for a few moments of your precious time. Mrs Griffith has written you concerning our efforts to get indifferent societies, and to organize where they have none (That is in our own neighboring villages) to take up the Sante Fe school, help it get on its feet, now the question, do you approve of it, if so, will you be kind enough, (With all your other calls) to drop me a letter, telling us the necessity of helping it, or rather any thing you may choose to say, not letting on that you had been asked. I ask, because, we want your help. Many would take hold of it if you wanted it done, that would not otherwise.

One thing more, can't there be a Home Board organized in the west, in correspondence with the societies. I find so many working for the north western Board (foreign) doing nothing for home, I think the reason, because it is in their midst. One goes to the convention, gets filled with it, she goes home, and our societies must catch some of the fire consequently all go there. The home is not brought before them, they know nothing of its wants. Even ministers wives have told me, I was not aware such heathenism was in our own land I have asked them if they read R. M. P. they would say I glance at it occasionally. It must be brought to them be-



fore they will see the needs of our own land.

We begin next week pulling down the old Church. Mr Duncan McMillan will be with us tomorrow. We hope to have a house full of ladies in the afternoon (Saturday). He will preach Sabbath morning for Mr. Schoffield. We are very anxious to hear him. Mrs. Griffith is well and hopes to return in September. Mr. G. and the children wish to be remembered to the Doctor. My love to your wife.

Your sister in Christ,  
Mrs L. M. Schoffield.

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Indianapolis, Ind.,  
July 17th, 1877.

My dear Dr. Jackson:-

I am sure you will laugh when I tell you how badly I fared at the hands of our friends. I never imagined that ministers would refuse me a hearing. The worst that I had anticipated, was no funds to speak of in the churches, but that I should be denied the appeal to the churches never occurred to me, however I have this consolation, that this is some thing for which I can find no fault with myself, for where ever I have had the chance I have surprised the most sanguine. Mr Stark at 39 thought I would do well if I got \$30 or \$40 and I got \$49. I have not one dollar less than one hundred dollars. I have found only two ministers here at home and they will not give me a hearing. Other churches shut up. I am going to Steubenville tonight, where I have a personal friend who will not I think, shut me out. The principle man of the session of the first church here will work the matter up and think they will have no stop on my way back. Thought you would like to hear how I got on.

Yours,  
Henry N. Palmer.

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Lake City, Col.,  
July 23d, 1877.

Dear Brother:-

On arriving at Duray I found the bishop and converse from Del Norte, also the Am. M. preacher, all considering about building, so I went to work immediately. In a very short time, I raised \$709. I secured the lots you desired back of brother Bl. che's store, facing the street.

that Mr. Burn's house is on. Work was commenced before I left. The lumber was secured in 90 days time. I hope and trust the Board of Church erection will be prompt in sending on the application and also the money. We will need \$300. Rev. Mr. Sheldon, the superintendant of Home Missions for the Congregationalists, arrived in Lake City the 22<sup>nd</sup>. I saw him at Sunday School and invited him to my house. We began to make inquiries about the field and wanted to know about Animas City. When he found that we had already organized at different points, he said he thought he would go back to day. If he does his stay will be short.

The M. M. brethren at Ouray and also the Episcopalians do not seem to think much of my style of doing things. I presume they thought I ought to have considered the matter awhile. I arrived in Ouray at ten o'clock at night and by eight the next morning I had \$450 subscribed for the erection of a church. I only stopped in Ouray for a few days. Will go over next week and work on the building myself, and push the thing through. I hope to dedicate in two months.

Quite a number of Presbyterians have come to Lake City. We are growing stronger every day. Last night the Church was packed so full that it was very uncomfortable. In the morning every seat was occupied. The Sunday School is still increasing. I have a bible class of from twenty to thirty men. We raised \$10 in Sunday School in less than five minutes. The Lord is dealing kindly with me in giving me love in the sight of the people. Mrs. Darley sends regards.

Yours in Christ  
Geo. M. Darley.

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Fort Defiance, A. T.  
July 24th, 1877.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:-

Your kind favor of July 2d is at hand. I expect to leave the Agency Sept. 30th and would prefer to let my successor make all arrangements to suit his ideas of what is wanted and so will leave everything clear for him. I of course have no knowledge of who it will be or I could consult with him and learn his desires in the matter. I don't think Mr. Gage will find any trouble in obtaining the position of teacher. The best way would wait to see who will be the next agent, and make arrangements with him, for you know that every new agent makes an entire change in his employes. The Government pays \$1,000 for teachers.

Very truly yours,  
Alex G. Swaine.

New Brunswick, New Jersey  
July 28, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find \$10 which please use for a good purpose in the cause of the Master. We have been prospered in our business some what instead of coming out with lose as we feared we might, and therefore I send this as a thanks giving.

Yours Very Truly,

Frank L. Janeway

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Fort Wingate, New Mexico  
July 28, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.  
Denver, Colo.

My dear sir:

Your kind note of June 15th reached me in due time. I could not reply at once till I had heard from friends at the east. My sisters have made all their arrangements for the summer and I cannot expect them to visit me nor avail themselves of the excellent opportunity which you mention for them to find company to this territory. I would like very well to make up a party here and meet your party at the Puerco or Jemez Springs, and proceed with you to the Chaso Ruins. If you will keep me posted in reference to your proposed visit to Jemez Springs, I will see if I can make up a party and meet you there. I will not require more than a weeks notice and if you can calculate closely, I will try and make up a party and meet your party at the Jemez Springs. Mrs Swaine Miss Pritchard would like to go and there may be one or two others who will be available to go. Did you hear about the party that went to Canyon de Chille or attempted it? Well I will just speak of it, Col Hatch was the leader of it, and there was Gov. Axtel Lieuts Mitchel, Waters and Dr. Sewall who reached the canyon and spent the day there, the remainder of the party consisting of Mrs. Swaine, Mrs. Reed, Col. S. and Mr. Reed the Post trader and Capt. Bennett who got played out before they got there, and did not see the great curiosity, the way Col. Hatch rode was too much for the ladies and they could not keep up with him, Mrs. Swaine says she is bound to try it again. Col. Hatch is confident that he can find a good carriage road to within ten miles of the desert into the canyon, if so that would be a great help to parties visiting it.

I have been daily expecting to get a series of views of our late visit to the canyon, from Mr. W. H. J. but he has not sent them yet. Do you know anything of him or how he succeeded in developing his pictures, and when we may expect to hear from him? We all are anxious to see the views he made about here, I would write to him if I had his address, but have been expecting daily that he would report to me.

Glad to hear that you have secured a medical missionary for Juni, Mr. Irwine who still holds on at Defiance gives me an item of good news for the Navajoes. A new steam saw mill is en route to the agency, with which they can get all the lumber they need for the post, and encouraged the chief to build houses and settle down. They can easily attach a run of mill stone to the machinery, and grind corn enough for the Navajoes and the Moquis & Zupis besides thus saving the Indian woman a deal of drudgery. I tell Irwine to hurry up his saw mill and make the effort, at once to set the mill stones and other gearings for they have plenty of money to do it with.

Irvine is a good man for agent and I am sorry that he thinks of resigning. I have this summer had a talk with Irvine in regard to Tommy Keens who is still hurrying about anxious to get into Mr. Irvine's position, and he says Master Tommy is "no bueno", and I have written Dr. Lowery about him, and requesting the Dr. to annul my endorsement on your recommendation of his application for an appointment to be agent. I do not wish to see any such fellow in the position. That agency should be in the hands of some very good honest man, for see what a temptation that saw mill will be to a fellow who would like to make money out of it.

Please drop me a line about Chaco, W. H. J. and the views and anything else of interest and oblige.

Yours Very Sincerely,

J. V. Landerdale

P. S. Did you print an account of our trip? If so send me a copy, I send you my sketch with all its typographical errors

J. V. L.

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Rosita, Colo.

July 28, 1877

My dear brother Jackson;

I have a question or two to ask you no commission yet. Is there any doubt about it? Dr. Kendall wrote for light on some points. I sent the light, am now myself in darkness. First quarter nearly ended, am also in need of funds, am dead broke.

"Three removes equal to one fire," says Ben. Franklin. Have therefore been nearly burned out the past year. Have had large congregations here ever since coming. All now in our favor. Both church houses closed. People all disgusted with them. Had we not better take advantage of these circumstances at once? The M. E. church will send a man soon, and so will the Episcopal church. Had we not better at once be thoroughly organized and canvass the town for support? All is now in our favor, it may not be soon. "Man's extremity is God's opportunity". I do wish you'd come at earliest day and help in this work, your very presence would be a power. The way is now all paved and you could push the thing right through.

Not a vestige have I been able to find of an organization. No session book, was there ever one? At any rate the church needs to be reorganized, and just now is the time to do it. A stroke in time saves nine. For want of a nail the shoe was lost. I believe there are persons in both organization ready to go in with us. Mrs. Webb used to know you at Council Bluff. She belongs to the Episcopalians but is a Presbyterian by choice. Well, that's only one of the many. Now the thing is to take advantage of these interests and "Hold the fort". Can you come and when?

At present money here is exceedingly scarce. People say the camp was never duller. It will require an effort to raise the three hundred dollars. But if we strike as above suggested, I think it can be done.

Fraternally,

W. P. Teitsworth

P. S. Can you not arrange to be here the second sabbath in August. Do hope you can. Believe we would just have a glorious day. I know we will if the Holy Spirit comes. I will then be Pentacostal. To this end we pray and its right in accordance with God's will. "Thy will be done", "Your heavenly Father is more willing" \*

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25 Center St. New York  
July 30, 1877

Dear Jackson:

We have granted Arnold \$700 to make 1100  
Received of Boulder \$500 instead of \$700 asked for.  
A. M. Darley \$800 as before instead of \$950 (to pay off corner!)  
J. L. Gage \$300 for six months Teitsworth \$400 for six months

G. M. Darley let him stand a while, so of Bliss  
 John Wilson confer further  
 Mrs. Coyner, Miss Benning and Miss Anderson \$500 each  
 Russell, referred, to hear what Deer, Lodge, Butte, Montana,  
 propose to do.

As to Bliss, Teitsworta, the Darleys, Smith and various  
 others matters I can better arrange when I get out there.  
 I have received yours from Boise City and I shall be very  
 anxious till I hear from you about the New Mexico trip. There  
 is but a shade of hope that Dey or Dr. Field and wife will go  
 I have seen a letter in Mrs. Graham's hands from the lady  
 who succeeded Ripple at Santa Fe. Mrs. -Griffith- what is her  
 name? Who is now in Logansport. She says she wants to go back  
 about the time we go down as it is so lonely going down alone  
 If she goes and young Montfort I do not see but you have two  
 ambulances loads any way.

I am worried about the weather. It seems to me Sept. in that  
 climate will be very warm, or is the air tempered by the near-  
 ness to the mountains?

I have a heavy Scotch travelling rug, had I better bring  
 that or can my wife (as I know she will) buy some of those  
 thick and firm Indian blankets.

In other words how much summer clothing or how much winter  
 clothing puzzles me very much

As soon as you can please tell us all about the time to start  
 when-to-be- provided &

Yours Truly,  
 H. Kendall

Watertown, N. Y.  
 July 31, 1877

Mr. Sheldon Jackson

Dear sir:

Having always entertained an interest in your  
 work, since your account of it, in our church two or three  
 years ago. I know of no better way of using the enclosed \$20  
 of the Lord's money than by sending it to you to use as you  
 see fit. With great esteem

Your friend,  
 F. L. W.

That I may know this reaches you, will you please acknowledg  
 e its receipt to Mrs. J. C. Sterling, Watertown, N. Y.

Rosita, Colo.  
1897

My dear-brother Jackson:

You see I am all ready at work in my new field. Have sent you an item for the August No. of the R. P. You said all material should reach you by the tenth.

The opening here is grand. All the working force here is Presbyterian, and all the christian power in the other two churches here is disgusted and won't go near. Our chorister was a Methodist but he says he don't believe in trifling. Our organist was singing and playing in the P. E. church. She comes right to us.

How gladly do all the Presbyterians rally around their own standard!

Did you give this church one of the Board Session Books? Have not been able to find any book of any kind. Had we better stand on the old organization or begin anew? If you have not already supplied one Session Book, can you supply one?

Received a letter of inquiry from Dr. Kendall. He supposed there was nothing here. He desired light. Think I was able to give it. Guess they will grant commission.

Have heard nothing from pass on Rio Grand R. R. Can you not get us a family pass?

The other two churches here are dead. Hope ours will be their life. My coming here has made them almost a desolation.

The hall here is owned by a Welsh Presbyterian; generously he grants us the use. Consequently we are under no obligations to our neighbors. Said Brother Cyer at Fairplay to me, "I want you to attend to your own business". Here at Rosita I am going to do it and let all other denominations alone, have had no calls from them yet.

Please have my Post Office address changed. We need a church here and if business prospers, I think we can move in the fall.

Fraternally,

W. P. Teitworth

Animas City, Colo.

July 10, 1897

We the undersigned members in good and regular standing of Evangelical churches, wishing to procure for ourselves and neighbors, church privileges in our new home, do hereby request Rev. George M. Darley to organize us into a Presbyterian church of Animas City.

We do also hereby request the Presbytery of Colorado to enroll us among their churches, and request Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D. to send us a good minister.

Names	Church relation
Sarah Carson	R. P. Church Lawrence, Ohio
William McFie	R. P. Church Evans, Colo.
A. E. Pinkerton	Rev. Todd Covenanter Evans, Col
Maggie Sullivan	Presbyterian Church Evans, Col.
J. P. Wallace	2nd " " LaFayette Ind
Nellie W. Williams	R. P. Church Evans Ind.
Henry J. Keough	Presbyterian Church Del Norte Col
Francis L. Keough	" " " " " "
Ira H. Smith	Congregational " Topeka, Kan.
C. W. Pinkerton	Covenanter " Evans Col.
J. H. P. Kelly	Presbyterian " " "

During the Missionary work of John MacAllister (of the North western Pres. Theol. Seminary Chicago) August 1877. The following names were submitted for enrollment in the membership of Animas City, Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Martha Mayer	Rev. Neeller Pres. Ch. Denver, Col
" Maggie E. Blackmer	Pres. Ch. Jackson, Miss
" Sylvian Russell	Congl " Fredonia, Kas.
Mr. John M. Trew	M. E. " Farrington, Ohio
Mrs. Nancy J. Casey	Baptist " Tellersburg, Ind.
" Mary A. E. Casey	Pres. " Praire Grove, Miss.
" Annetta Aspias *	Lutheran Ch. Drontherian Norway
Mr. Ivy Casey *	M. E. Ch VanBuren, Wis.
Mrs. Ester Casey*	" " " " "
" W. M. Mills*	" " " Waterloo, Iowa
Mr. J. H. Tilghman *	Union " Compromise, Ill.
Mrs. M. V. Telchay *	" " " " "
Mr. W. A. Stephens	Congl. " Oswego, Kas.
" T. Tackett	Lawrence St. M. E. Ch. Denver, Col
Mrs. Joysa Sheets	M. E. Ch. Greenhorn, Col.
" Margaret E. Foin *	Lutheran ch. Danville, Pa.
" Maria L. Puett *	Christian " Vincennes, Ind.

\* Those marked thus will join on profession.

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Central City, Colo.  
August 2, 1877

Dear Brother Jackson,

With two weeks past I have changed all my plans for the future, which will necessitate us declining your kind invitation to make your house our home during your visit to the South, next month.



We have decided to return East about the 1st of October. Mrs. Brown will want to spend at least two weeks in the latter part of September at Colo. Springs visiting her parents. Two reasons make us decide to return east.

First, I suffer so much from nervous headaches, and general nervousness, that I am unfit for the work required in this field. I am not doing the Lord's work as it ought to be done for I am not able to study as I ought, this altitude I am now satisfied is too high for me.

Second, when I entered upon this field it was with the distinct understanding that the Board of Home Missions would give these churches at least \$300 so that a salary of \$1500 could be paid for my support. The board has sent a commission for only \$200. At the spring meeting of the Presbytery, I asked for just what was absolutely necessary, and I told the Presbytery that if the board would give the little amount asked, I could remain. The \$200 granted by the Board, and what these churches will actually pay only makes a salary of \$1200. It is impossible for a married minister to live in these mountain towns, when prices are so exorbitant, on a salary of less than \$1500. You see therefore, the necessity for my return east. I have notified the Presbyterial Mission Committee of my intention to return my commission to the Board by the first of October.

When will you be at home for a few days? I would like to see you, before leaving here concerning the Central Church. It ought to be sustained, and well sustained by the board for a few years, but the Blk. H. Church must die, and it is useless to spend money upon it.

Mrs. Brown unites in Christian love to Mrs. Jackson and the children.

Yours Fraternally,  
R. M. Brown

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Las Vegas, New Mexico  
August 2, 1877

Dear Brother Jackson:

The enclosed letter is for the Rev. M. Darley whose name I see mentioned in the Presbyter (Phila) of July 7, in Calvin's notes for Interior. I do not know Mr. Darley's exact name. You give it differently in the R. M. Presbyter of August that has just reached me. Nor am I certain of his address. If you will do me the favor to direct it so that it will reach him I will thank you. I am just beginning to publish (edit) a little monthly, mostly in Spanish having in view those among the Mexicans who have already come out of darkness into the

light or who are willing to come or whom we can induce to come. I see by Calvin that there are some in Brother Darley's field who have been reading &

I want to make my little sheet a real help and guide. I shall preach in that way to quite an audience once a month.

All pretty well and all join in very kind regards. You will have no occasion probably for the "Revista Evangelica" but I will send you at least an occasional copy.

Fraternally Yours,  
J. A. Annin.

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Moqui Pueblo, Indian Agency A.T  
August 4, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.  
Secty. Presbyterian Missions  
Denver, Col.

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for your kindness in sending us those bundles of papers as reading matter is very scarce here and they were quite an acquisition to our stock. We have no news here of interest. Mr. Irvine will leave here on the last of September or beginning of October having sent in his resignation to take effect at that date, cannot say who will be appointed in his stead but sincerely hope it will be my brother not from selfish or interested motives but I feel confident he can do more than any other party with these Indians. Mannelito, and Ganada Mundo have both been to Fort Wingate to request that he be appointed agent, they both say if it could do any good to his cause they would walk to Washington. They know him to be a good straitforward honest man, and hope that the President will make him their agent as this is not the first time they have asked for him, Mannelito says the Americans people choose their captain every four years why should they not have the man of their choice knowing him to be a good man this is what they told the County Officer and General Hatch.

I send by this mail three Moqui Gods or I dols the Moqui send their respects to you and ask when their school is to be established. I have not been able to procure those articles for you but as soon as I can get them will send them to care of Dr. J. Menaul. Laguna.

My brother joins me in kind regards and hope to see you when you pay this part of the country another visit you will make our house your home if such rude fare as we have will suit and

we will try and make you as comfortable as possible.

Very Truly Yours,  
Wm. Keane.

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Carlisle, Pa.  
August 4, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson  
Dear Sir:

Your letter was received and read with great interest. Our teacher, Miss Smead is absent on a three months trip through Europe with Mr. Norcrop's party, and as Mr. Richards is very busy, he yesterday requested me to write you myself. The class decided to send you \$50 to aid in sending a missionary into the San Juan mining region, as you recommended in your letter. If by this time however, there should be more pressing need in another direction, I am sure the class would be willing to have you apply the money as you see fit. We have not been able to hold any entertainment during the past winter, and so have not raised any money besides our regular collections, but arrangements for a concert upon the return of Miss Smead have been partly made and we hope to send you a much larger sum next time.

Enclosed please find draft on New York for \$50.

Hoping that we will hear from you when you have time, I remain

Yours Truly,  
Holmes Blair

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Chicago  
August 9, 1877

Mrs. Dr. Jackson:

I enclose the within as per request of your excellent husband in a letter from Portland, Oregon. Of course you will keep it till he returns. I have been obliged to write to Washington for transportation in New Mexico and Arizona and hope to get a favorable reply. Will advise him at once on receipt of any information on the subject.

Very Truly Yours,  
Wm. Bross

Animas City Colorado.

August 10, 1877

Rev. T. E. Bliss

My dear Brother:

I preached here last sabbath to a good house and organized sunday school with a good deal of enthussiasm and fair attendance.

Our membership for Animas City and Valley is now twenty two of these five will join on profession, they have been members of churches but have lada frontier life without church privileges for many years. One woman has lived for seven years where no church could be attended. Our prospects of a church is hailed with joy, thankfulness and approval according to spiritually but all wish us success.

These twenty two embrace all denominations of evangelical christians. Am still hopeful of many additions . Tomorrow morning (Saturday) I will ride up the valley and visit as I go will preach sabbath morning at a point about 18 miles from here.

The Methodists are stirring .There is a local prescher in the valley who has an appointment out in consequence of mine for sabbath morning. (He gave way and posponed till later date)

On last Monday night I preached at Parrott City twenty miles from Animas had a most attentive audience and a Macedonia Cry since, I will preach there again next Thursday.

Neither Animas nor Parrott have had any preaching to amount to anything and it is easier to get the members of the other denominations to join with us at Silverton there are a good many Episcopalians and the Bishop held out decided promises of regular services when there. The Methodists had a man there all winter but I rather think have abandoned the field. I say this of Silverton church membership. But the miners are unsectarians and a popular man would receive good attention at least if not support. We should have a man in this county who must be active and sociable and as soon as possible. He could preach the fore noon in Animas Valley and evening in Animas City , and next sunday forenoon in Howardsville and in the evening in Silverton (if a good horseman) The road to Silverton will soon be complet About my R.R. ticket did you get me an extension of time on the K. P. and St. Jos. R.R. return to Denver to Chicago. The half fare pass on D. and Rio G. R.R. would not cover stage without the signature of Mr. Dodge of the D. and Rio G. R.R. Denver. Could you get a pass from him and forward it to me at Silverton Enclosed is a P. Card handed to me today. I will be at Silverton till the middle of September, then I leave for Howardsville, Eureka, Animas Fork and towns on my way home.

Hope to see you in Denver about the 25th of September. Think you ought to get a large commission for me form the board of Home Missions, then my Idaho commission.

Yours,

John MacAllister

New York

August 10, 1877

Dear Jackson:

I have yours from Portland, "Contents noted" .  
 I had no doubt about your good intentions about MacAllister  
 or the rest, but I thought your Presbytery were carrying on  
 things without consulting us and leaving us to foot the bills!  
 No harm done I presume I shall see the wisdom of it all after  
 I understand it, but I had much rather see the wisdom of it  
 beforehand. I enclose two letters which ponder in anticipat-  
 ion of New Mexico trip, about the meeting of the Presbytery  
 Why can't we leave that till after we see Roberts at Taos?  
 There will be time enough for a constitutional call after that  
 Will there not?

Gillespie of Coriame feels neglected and over looked. He wants  
 a missionary for Cache Valley.

I shall probably write you several letters before you see my  
 face at Denver. My wife is relieved by what you say about the  
 Indians.

Yours Truly,  
 H. Kendall

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Jewiston, Idaho Ter.

August 10, 1877

Rev? Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Dear Sir:

Yours of June 1st addressed to me at Fort Wrangel  
 Alaska, has finally reached me. I am pleased indeed, to know  
 that at last the right source has been appealed to, and that,  
 the Indians in Alaska, may at no distant day receive that  
 teaching for which they stand so much in need. Circumstances  
 rendered it necessary for me to remove from Fort Wrangle about  
 the middle of June, so your letter was sometime following me  
 I have sent a copy to Mr. J. C. Dennis, Deputy Collector of  
 Customs at Fort Wrangle, who has taken an interest in the  
 cause, and requested him to attend to it, as much as possible  
 At the time I left, a young man arrived at Wrangel, sent by  
 Dr. Lindsley and Gen. Howard to look at the situation and if  
 possible inaugurate the school and church to a better advant-  
 age, than the Indians themselves were able to do. If I remem-  
 ber rightly the gentleman's name was J. C. Mallory of Brooklyn  
 N. Y. I shall hope that you will be able to procure the right  
 information from parties now in Alaska, and that you will send  
 a man, who will work, as early as possible.

"Chinook Jargon" is the language indispensable. Business pertaining to the Nez Perce war in Idaho occupies fully my time, or I would take pleasure in trying to do more toward helping you, as it is I will do all I possibly can.

Yours Most Respectfully,  
J. S. Brown

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Santa Fe New Mexico.  
August 15, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.  
Denver, Colo.

My dear Sir:

Yours from Portland, July 28th was received. We expect to start to the James Springs on Monday or Tuesday next, and will probably be there when your party arrives unless business calls me home sooner as you are a little behind time, please notify me more definitely in regard to the time you will reach James Springs, as soon as you know yourself and I will try to have a dance on hand (or foot) whether I am there at the time or not.

All well and send regards.

Yours as ever,  
B. N. Thomas

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Santa Fe, New Mexico  
August 15, 1877

Mrs. Sheldon Jackson.  
Dear Madam:

Your letter of inquiry reached me on Saturday. Monday and Tuesday I was confined to the house and most of the time to my bed by a biliary disorder from which I have now almost entirely recovered. This morning I inquired of the physician here who has, I suppose much the largest practice in the city, and he bade me inform you that he considered that there is no danger at all for Americans coming to Santa Fe if they use even ordinary precautions to guard against small-pox. Not one American yet has had the disease in this place. A few (not more than half a dozen he tells me) have had varioloid in the mildest possible form, less troublesome and virulent

than chicken-pox is in the northern or eastern cities. More over he tells me there is no small-pox in the city proper, but only in the outskirts. Numbers of children have died of it simply because they have not been vaccinated and when taken sick received no proper care. We have not the slightest fear of the disease. The report pervalence here is far worse than the reality. All of us (Americans) travel for business or pleasure without an idea of danger from it. In going west from Santa Fe your party will need tents at any rate and using these in most places why not use them everywhere after your departure from the city? Thus you will avoid even the slight possibility of exposure to the disease which otherwise you might encounter.

We would be extremely sorry to have you postpone your visit on account of an imaginary danger. If we believed you would incur any risk in using ordinary precautions and coming we would, nevertheless, counsel you to remain at home. As we believe you may with perfect safety carry out your original plan we earnestly hope you will come.

Very Truly Yours,  
Geo. G. Smith

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Fort Defiance, A. T.  
August 15, 1877

Dear friend:

Your favor just received on my return from Moqui much pleased to hear you are again to visit the territory, and hope we will have the pleasure of welcoming you here. Brought with me from Moqui three idols we intended to forward by mail to you, but find from their peculiar shape it is impracticable, will send or take them to Dr. Mansull whom you expect to visit. Leave for Moqui in the morning, we will again endeavour to get those relics from Moqui for you as we intend going to the village with a wagon.

Mr. Irvine tells me his resignation is accepted to take effect the last of next month.

The Indians will have very good crops of corn, provided the frost does not set in early, and large quantities of peaches in the Canon de Chelly. May God bless and prosper you.

Truly and Sincerely Yours,  
Thomas W. Keane

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Trinidad, Colo.  
August 16, 1877

Dear Brother Jackson:

Have nothing of especial interest to report.

I think we shall leave here by October 1st. Is there anything north for us? I presume not. We think seriously of going east Mrs. Gage's health does not seem good here. Have you anything to suggest? Please procure for myself and wife half fare passes on the Denver Pacific and U. P. R.R. I want to go to Utah before going east. If I can get half fare on U. P. to Omaha I may return via Omaha and Chicago. My object in visiting Utah is to gain information which I can use for the benefit of the Home Mission and the same with Mrs. Gage. Please attend to the half fare as it is uncertain when I may leave. Another thing I want to see you a day and get definite information in reference to Arizona and New Mexico work such as I can work up to interest churches.

Can't you come down here? I think I could help you and the Home Missions by laying the facts before churches if I had an opportunity. It will cost me so much to go to Denver especially as you may not be there when I pass through Denver eastern bound. We think some of going out camping for a week and may go next week.

Your Brother,  
John L. Gage

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23 Center St. New York  
August 16, 1877

Dear Brother Jackson:

Our calculation now is to be at St. Louis September 2nd or 3rd the 4th to Kansas City the 5th with Hill and the 6th and 7th trip to Denver arriving Friday evening so as to make all due preparations and get rested for Monday the 10th. Till last evening I have read your letter Gov. Bross and wife and daughter instead of or daughter so I wrote Montfort that he would just make the 5th and complete the two ambulance loads. In the absence of all late details it looks like plunging into the dark. "Man proposes and God disposes".

If you have anything to say to us before we reach Denver you can hit us at Allen's or Hill's. We have the trunk the sun bonnet will be provided and the field glass, but whether to prepare for cold weather or not we know not. What kind of a side saddle do you suppose these ladies will want for eighty miles trip on horse back. "Oh my". Well Good-bye



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Yours Truly,  
H. Kendall

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Taos, New Mexico  
August 23, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Brother:

We arrived in Taos all safe and sound on yesterday the 22th. Find my house in tolerable condition. Find in the office awaiting us a large lot of mail matter, in it a letter from you enclosing a letter from a lady in Ohio. I will open a correspondence with her at once, also a letter from Dr. Kendall informing me that your "Ambulance train" will leave Garland City on the 11th of September. He suggests also that we had better appoint our meeting of the Presbytery towards the last of your visit, that, having seen all the field we will be better able to act in the matter of establishing schools and mission stations within our bounds. As you have doubtless laid your plans and fixed your points of contact and thus understand your campaign better than any body else you are in a situation to better judge as to when will be the better time to appoint the meeting of the Presbytery. I therefore will ask that you notify Brother Annin at once and give him the date that will better suit you, make it as early in September as possible, for that will suit us better than otherwise. I am expecting Mrs. Griffith, who, intends to come out with you, to bring a teacher for Taos. I cannot even begin my school until she, the teacher arrives. I wish to visit Ocate and also Cochias before your arrival. I desire to have Ocate A represented in the Presbytery. Please write me as to when we will have the Presbytery. I am sorry that Mr. Darley should have been imposed upon by some bad man. I wonder he didn't communicate with some of the rest of us about it; yet I hope there will be no great harm come from it. Brother Darley has recently got into a very unpleasant situation not to say painful for I understand he was very severely dealt with and only escaped a cow-hiding by the man's not having his cowhide with him. This is sad, these western man will not endure everything, I hope the affair is not in fact as bad as was represented to me by a good friend of his while I was in Garland City We will be only too glad to receive a good visit from you brethren and ladies and I assume you we will do all that lies in our power to make you all comfortable and happy while you are in our place

Yours Truly,  
James M. Roberts

P.S. I think the Presbytery will be called to meet at Santa Fe

J.M.R.

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New York  
August 24, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.  
Denver, Colo.

My dear Brother:

Dr. Kendall and wife left this morning for Denver and Santa Fe. They expect to reach you in time. The Dr. expects to preach in St. Louis a week from next sabbath.

I now write to ask you to procure for me a pass to Nebraska City and return via Mr. Fitchcock over the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy R.R. before you leave for the N.M. Please do it at your earliest convenience and send it to me here. I will then have it on hand to use when needed.

I hope you had a pleasant trip to one side of the world while I was at the other.

Give my kindest regards to Mrs. Jackson and the young ladies. I left Bro. Norcross and wife safe and well in London July 29th 1877. They were expecting to leave soon for the continent.

My return was hurried by the strikes. Wishing you all a very pleasant and profitable trip to New Mexico and safe return, I am

Most Truly and Fraternally Yours,  
Cyrus Duckson.

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Brookville, Pa.  
August 24, 1877

Rev. Dr. Jackson:

I noticed sometime ago in the "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian", a suggestion to the Sabbath School children to save their old papers to send to places where they have not the means to procure them. The attention of our S.S. Supt. was called to it and now we have on hand quite a number to be sent to some place.

Where shall we send them? If you know of no place in your field where they need such help perhaps we would could send them to the "Freedmen".

We have in our church a Ladies Foreign and Domestic Missionary Society. We support a Mission school in Abeih, Syria, and give what is raised over the amount necessary for this object to the board of Dom. Missions. Perhaps if we were in communication with some church or minister in the west we might be stimulated to greater effort for the Home Missions.

I don't know how this would effect us, perhaps it might be said that though one should rise from the dead to appeal to them yet if they receive not the testimony of the "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian" it would avail nothing.

It has taken a great deal of effort to over come the injury done to missionary effort in this place, by the conflict between the good Drs. Ellinwood and Jackson at the meeting of synod in this place about two years ago. We do not think you were to blame, but certainly Dr. Ellinwood did wrong.

We were rejoiced to get our ladies interested in mission work at all, and just in proportion as they became interested in one cause they do in the other and indeed in all branches of christian effort. It is only since the organization of our society about five years ago that our church has come up to anything like it ought to be in mission work beyond the limit of our own pine clad hills. You well remember our horizon is limited and we can't very well have the broad views you great western people have! Excuse my writing so much, but you do not seem like a stranger for your name is a household word and we are much interested in following you in your arduous work. I was absent in Ohio when you and Dr. E. and many others were guests at our house (Rev. T.L. Leason's) and with us what one knows the rest do Rev. R.K. Stewart of Golden City is my very dear cousin you must know him.

Hoping I have not encroached too much on your time and that we may soon hear from you, I am with great respect

Your Friend,

Mary J. Stewart

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The Dells, Wash. T.  
August 25, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.  
Denver, Colo.

My dear Brother:

My house in Portland being closed on the day you sent your telegram, I did not receive it till after the Elder had left. This was a very great disappointment to me, for I was in the city and could have seen you and I was very desirous to hear your views about Alaska more in full than any letter could convey. However I must be content with the letter which I received by steamer, and for which I thank you. I shall regard your suggestions. I received also the book. I shall refund the fifty dollars you advanced Mrs. McF. I forwarded two letters and a postal card to Denver, as you requested.

I am prepared to strengthen my application for appointment of Agent for Alaska by an additional array before Col. Walkyns on his return here. I sent forward the name of Phyle or Pyle which you suggested, to Dr. Lowrie, pursuant of his invitation to nominate. I have also requested the board of home missions to support the nomination.

I count much on your reinforcement and advocacy. May God give success to our efforts.

My wife sends best regards.

Faithfully Yours,  
A. L. Lindsley

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Chicago  
August, 25, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

My dear Sir:

I have received a letter from Hon. A. Bell acting Secretary of the Interior that your application for trans. & in answer to a letter of mine to the same effect, had been transmitted with his own endorsement and that of the Indian Bureau, requesting that your request be granted by the Sec. of war. I have just written to Hon. R. W. Thompson Sec. of war calling his attention to the matter and asking an early and favorable reply as we propose to start September 10th. I think he will do so. In any event I think I shall start for Pueblo about the 10th and have two or three weeks trip in the mountains, even if we do not get the needed transportation from the War Dept. It may be that he will send it direct to you. I will write you immediately on my return from Nashville.

Very Truly Yours,  
Wm. Bross

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Dear Doctor:

We have packed up and shipped our goods not paying freight in advance as I spent all I had in books in St. L. and in hardware & have needs for the house relying on the board to put me down at Z. We are now ready and anxious to be off. Do let me know what to expect in regard to team or other means of going.

Have you a letter for me Dr. Kendall was to write me at D.

Yours,

H. K. Palmer

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Tieria Anzules, New Mexico  
August 27, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:

Dear Sir:

I have just learned that you and a company of Eastern ministers will soon visit New Mexico, can't you take this place in your route. A new road has just been made across the mountains from Canajolis by which the distance from the end of the R.R. (Garlan City) is only about 112 miles. It is about fifty miles from here to the Pecos Springs, which is certainly the most wonderful of all wonders of the kind. This country is 30 by 105 miles in extent, containing quite a large Mexican population. There has never been a Protestant sermon preached in the country. There is a small American colony five miles from here. The country is of course mountainous and I think you find the scenery equal if not finer than elsewhere in the country.

I would be very glad indeed to welcome your party here.

Yours truly,

S. A. Russell

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Lake City, Col.

Aug. 27th, 1877.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Sir:-

I suppose you have been informed of the contribution \$250 per annum, which the ladies society of Ogdensburg, New York have made to the Board of Home Missions for our support. Several weeks they wrote me saying that they had forwarded the first payment to the Board. When we received the

quarterage it was only \$200. I hope that some means can be devised by which we can receive that which is sent to us. I had intended to send you the money which you were so kind as to loan us, but being disappointed in receiving \$62.50 less than we expected I can not do so at present. That which you have sent us and the \$22 from the little girls" has been received with heartfelt gratitude. We received our bell Mr. D. will put it up tomorrow. On thursday he will go to Ouray. The Ouray Church is enclosed, has one coat of paint and is ready for plastering. They hope to dedicate it the last of September. The church here is prospering financially and spiritually. The interest is steadily increasing. In a letter which Mr. Darley received Rev. McAllister says;- You did manfully when here. All speak well of you. You made good impressions for Presbyterianism, and laid foundations on which it is easy to build. I would like to say a great deal about the work here.

The direction to those ladies is, Mrs. L. R. Miller, Ogdensburg, New York. I made a mistake in my letter. Mr. Darley sends his regards.

Yours respectfully,  
Mrs. Darley.

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Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Colorado.

No. 9 University Place N. Y.  
Aug. 28th, 1877.

My dear Friend:-

The last of May I left this city for Texas for the purpose of visiting that state to see whether it would be well to purchase a tract of land to start a training farm for New York boys between the age of fourteen and eighteen. The idea is to have a well organized farm upon which a boy can receive a good training in a year. When so trained, a home with a good farmer is to be procured for him, or he is to be placed in a position where he can industriously hoe his own row. I passed through Tipton, Waveland and St. Louis and made a nice little visit at each place. After staying a week at Dallas and making the acquaintance of several gentlemen among whom was the Rev. Dr. Smith who treated me in the most cordial manner, I bought a pony and outfit and struck out in a N. W. course towards Denton- thence went to Decatur, thence to Weatherford, from there to Thorp's Springs in Hood County, and back to Weatherford and then straight back to Dallas, making in all a trip of about two hundred and thirty miles. Mr. William E. Dodge gave me letters of introduction and they secured me passes over all the railroads. I went to San Antonio, Houston, Austin, Waco, Palestine, Marshal and Mr. R.

S. Hayes Vice president of the International and Great Northern treated me very kindly, offering his personal assistance in such a work and giving me a pass to St. Louis and return good to Dec. 31. After two months of such prospecting I returned stopping for three or four days in St. Louis where I had a good time with some college class mates and two weeks at Tipton where I took sick for a few days from biliousness. You know what a vile place Tipton is for malarial complaints. I returned to this city on Friday last, so now you can see what I have been doing this summer. I think that Texas is a state of vast promise. Those prairies are fertile for I saw splendid corn, wheat, oats and some times barley in the same field beside garden truck. I selected a farm twelve miles south of Weatherford for it combines nearly every good thing - rich bottom soil with black upland prairie, water, timber etc. The tract contains 1700 acres and is valued at about \$5.50 per acre. It has \$2,000 worth of improvements. My object now is to get Mr. Dodge and others to take hold and give this work a fair trial. I have strong faith in its success but the only way is to try it. If it should prove a failure they will not lose much for the simple purchase of the land would be a good investment. I don't see how I can make any thing but if the boys can be saved I shall be more than paid.

Yours sincerely,  
John G. Brady.

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Colorado Springs, Colo.  
August 30, 1877

Dear Brother Jackson:

I want a supply for sabbath September 9th to assist me at our communion. Dr. Palmer wants to see Dr. Kendall and needs to see him. Cannot you arrange for Dr. Kendall to spend the day with us and join the party at our depot Monday morning. Denver need not keep all the preachers. It would greatly aid our church to have a missionary meeting on sabbath evening. Now don't forget, send me one or the other of the party. Frank Montfort, Dr. Field, or we would prefer Dr. Kendall. Also write definitely as to our going, as soon as you get home. What shall I need to carry with me besides bedding?

Yours,  
H. B. Gage

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Parrott City, Colorado. August 1877

We, the undersigned members of Evangelical churches, in good and regular standing, wishing to procure, for ourselves, and neighbours, church privileges, in our new home, do hereby request Rev. Sheldon Jackson to organize us into a Presbyterian church of Parrott City.

We do also hereby request the Presbytery of Colorado to enroll us among their churches and request Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D. to send us an active and efficient minister.

Names	Church Relations
Mr. J. S. Sheek	M. E. Ch. Utvernon, Texas
Mrs. S. A. Sheek	" " " " "
" Anna Plucher	" " " " " " " " " " " "
" America Willis	On profession
Mr. David Willis	" " " " " " " " " " " "
Mrs. C. A. Chalbuck	Pres. Ch Denver, Colo.

The above names were submitted to me (during my missionary work August, 1877) for the purpose herein stated.

John MacAllister  
Northwestern Theol. Sem.  
Chicago

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Silverton, San Juan Co. Colo.

August 31, 1877

We, the undersigned, members of Evangelical churches, in good and regular standing, wishing to procure for ourselves, and others, church privileges, in our new home, do hereby request Rev. Sheldon Jackson to organize us into a Presbyterian church of Silverton.

We do hereby request the Presbytery of Colorado to enroll us among their churches, and to send us an active, intelligent and efficient minister.

Names	Church Relations
Jno. G. Heid	Evang. Luth. Ch. Peoria, Ill.
Wm. Munve (for elder)	Presbyterian " Madison, Wis.
John J. Fisher	Congregational " " "
Emeline Puckett	Presbyterian " Willow Springs Gs. Ka
Christian Enderich	Trinity " Houghton, Mich.
Bertha Enderich	Lutheran " Replien Prov. Pommern
Cunra K. Gowenlock	
J. Cnnua Earl	
Jno. A. VanGorkon	



Corinne, Utah

August 29th, 1877.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother;-

I hear you passed yesterday on your way home from the far northwest. I regret that you could not find time to call. We have secured property at Brigham City for school and church purposes, in the Scotch quarter of the time, one block north of the new tabernacle. The house and lot is valued at \$1,200. The house is small-two rooms and kitchen. Lot, one acre-planted in trees. There has been a defalcation in the co-operation and many are dissatisfied. Those who desire our assistance are willing to make every possible sacrifice to get free from the Mormon influence. They will pay the greater part of the price of the lot and assist in building a house. \$300 is the amount I have offered as our part towards paying for the lot. They lack some two hundred dollars yet of getting the full amount with this offer. The property was secured by Mr. Booth a resident of Brigham, and is held for us. \$300 and two teachers who are thoroughly accomplished teachers are wanted from you immediately. The class of teachers Mr. McMillan is picking up here, of Jack Mormons and broken down gentiles who are trying to get a living, are not to be thought of for this place. There is a Mormon Academy with three very able teachers with whom they will have to compete. Brigham City is every where held up as the model town of the territory. The Wollen factory, leather business, lumber and furniture coop. are all preached up as evidence of the success of the place, with their model Sunday School, 530 children and day schools.

In starting on such a town we must not have inferior teachers. I am looking to you for the \$300 and for the teachers. A man and his wife would be better than two ladies, however if the Womens Board will take hold of it I will gladly give it into their hands and render all possible assistance.

Let me hear from you as we have gone so far we cannot go back Mr. McMillen seems to have use for all his funds in his own field. The younger brethren Bird and )))) were very hopeful of their work. The disaffection among the Mormons is growing and the opportunity for occupying all these principal towns seems near if not upon us. I have explored Cache Valley but find the door shut but the working.

Hoping to hear from you at once in regard to this matter as delay cannot be taken without losing the opportunity. I am

Yours Very Truly,  
S. L. Gillespie

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Trinidad, Colo.

Sept. 3, 1877

Dear Brother Jackson:

I think of leaving Trinidad in three weeks. Doubtful now about my going to Salt Lake, too expensive. I want to see you and get information concerning New Mexico and Arizona for Missionary addresses. Can't you come down? Have you a man to put in here? Please get my wife and I half rates or less from Kansas City to St. Louis. Brother Henry goes East to see mother once more. If I had half rates I might go via Chicago. Get me for both routes if you can. That is from Kansas City and also from Cheyenne to Chicago. I have on the K. P. and the A. T. and T. F. R.R.'s Permit for myself and wife had better be on separate papers as we may not go at the same times. Regards to Mrs. Jackson.

Your Brother,

John L. Gage

P. S. D. C. Lyon writes me concerning Winona which is soon to be vacant. What do you think?

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Silverton, Colorado.

Sept. 3, 1877

Dr. Jackson

Dear Brother:

Had a postal card from Mr. Bliss Saturday in which he said you were expected home. Hope you had a pleasant and profitable journey. I completed my horseback excursions with much greater ease than I had hoped for and on the whole have enjoyed the trip very much indeed. Have had a good reception at all points, and every reason to be gratified with my success. The encouragement is good. Have now thirty one names on the petition for church organization at Animas City, and there is yet some little material that can be worked in when a permanent man arrives. The material is not what you could characterize as the very best "church timber" some are interested in churches as an evidence of the growth of the community and a few on account of the spiritual benefits. But all are willing to attend. Support for the present will not be very liberal. The people are not wealthy "The flock is large, but the fleece will be small" organized Sunday School on a firm basis with good teachers, this will be the thin edge of the wedge until regular services are established. The town is built up quite a good deal since you were in this region.

It has now about forty buildings & lots are changing hands. The population is now about 150 will they say be 300 at least this winter.

The lower Animas is fast setting up in another year there will probably be a good town at the junction of the Animas and San Juan 50 miles lower down: so that if we had a man at Animas City we would be ready to control this new point, which from its position is likely to be very important.

At Silverton we find organizing society a little harder work, have succeeded in getting twenty members and hope for a few more yet. The difficulties of organizing here arise from the uncertainty of settlement and the temptations that overcome those who have been without church privileges for so long, and now conscientiously decline, to attach themselves.

I think we should have a man at Animas this fall if possible and without fail one at Silverton in the spring. Have secured a very fine site for building at the former (400 feet) at Silverton. There is no town company. The lots are individually owned, and I cannot well get deeds of lots that they might have opportunity of selling so long as the time of sending in a permanent minister is yet undecided. Messrs Snoderen, Howland, and Green will aid in this way. Mr. Bruns will assist in building, and all have expressed to subscribe. Last night I had a full house not a vacant seat. Support here would be pretty good when mining is lively collection was \$10 taken up at close of service.

Did not go to San Miguel as there is only one family there yet prospectively is going on very lively there and by another season doubtless there will be a good camp. Took all the names of church members at Parrott City twenty miles below Animas for a church there: six members. There is not much doing in this camp. Those who remain are in good hopes of having valuable property. The Congregationalists have not shown any disposition to possess the land. Hanks showed me a letter from the Methodist Bishop of Colorado, dated August 14th, said he would be in Silverton in four or five weeks "to look over the ground" and expressed a desire to "occupy" if he could find "the right man" McCook then they sent in last year did them an injury. If you could afford to spare now following up my work the ground is ours. Next Sunday will be my last here, as I informed Mr. Bliss I will leave about the 12th of September.

Am eager not to lose more than one month of seminary term. I hope to see you about the 25th, will preach on my way home for Darley (Del Norte) and probably Nola (Pueblo) Have heard from Geo. Darley, he is doing well at Ouray has first coat of paint on his new church. Have not met him. Had so short a time to accomplish permanent results that I did not do much out of town visiting.

There are a great many people at Howardsville at present

I preached there Sunday morning. It was a stormy morning and the saloon keeper had the start of me and their audience influenced before my arrival, I tried to get the largest to preach in but the proprietor would not give up for me. Give my respects to Mrs. Jackson.

Yours Very Sincerely,  
John MacAllister

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Rosita, Colo.  
Sept. 4, 1877

My dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of the first inst received. Glad to hear from you. Have been under a dark cloud. Oh how dark! Brother Bliss wrote me that the Home Board refused to commission me. My prayer was, Lord what have I done? I wept tears of bitterness. And then I prayed that the Lord would bottle the tears have never had a darker day.

And here I am without money. McLaughlin has refused to pay that note. I tried to collect through the bank, it was returned, have now sent it to the best lawyer instructing him to sue at once and get judgement. Just think of my preaching to that church and only receiving twenty seven dollars! Received tons of insult and abuse but that is not bread and butter. I begged of them a fish they gave me a serpent. I asked bread, they gave me a stone.

Well the Lord blessed my labors. I organized two churches in those nine months, and the Lord has followed me here, indeed he never forsakes.....

The church here is re-organized. We have a church court composed of three most worthy elders. Of course I am moderator. We have had a most precious communion season. We organized a Sabbath School from the start. It has averaged about sixty members. Our evening congregations have averaged about sixty and our morning congregations about forty members. Our prayer meeting has been well attended. We have a choir growing better and better all the while. But do impress upon Dr. Kendall that this work is right at the front of the battle. And about all the church has been able to do the past three months is to get bread for its own existence. What about my existence! Surely I cannot live on lies, promises, and notes. McLaughlin is nothing short of a villain. He deserves the rebuke of the Presbytery.

Now a word about church building. We can build at once a thousand dollar church, if we can secure five hundred dollars

from the Board of Church Ex. and a pledge of two hundred from you. More than this we cannot do this year.

Your judgement was correct as to the amount they can raise toward the support. The Home Board has forced upon the church \$400. They never can pay it. It makes me pay one hundred dollars toward my own support. We shall be minus just so much bread and butter, and then if we are minus McLaughlin's note, we shall just be in continual distress. My conviction is that when McLaughlin signed that note at Colorado Springs He signed what he meant to be a lie. I have no more faith in the man than I would have in a Turk.

The work here has opened to me grandly, but what makes it hard is that in the churches I found at Rosita there had been nothing but church trifling, no earnest work for the Master. To night we had a church festival, a very rainy night. Well attended for all that. We repeat it tomorrow night. A great pressure has been brought upon us to allow dancing, but our Session decided that there could be no dancing under Presbyterian sanction. All that wished to dance must dance on their own responsibility. Their argument was other churches allowed it, why not we? All other churches are dead, why should not we die?

Send the Session Book by all means. Have sought in vain for Sessional Records, cannot find a scratch of a pen. If a church ever existed here, there certainly is no record of it in Rosita.

Our present organization consists of thirteen members. There are as many more that ought at once to unite.

Am expecting next Sabbath to call a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing a Deacon. We have a first rate man for this office, he is willing to act. Our organization will then be complete.

It is now one o'clock I need rest. Have worked hard all day.

Fraternally,

W. P. Feltworth

P. S. Have not seen my family for three months. They have no means to come to me. I have to go to them. Not a dime has been spent in any other way but in trying to live.

Corinne, Utah  
Sept. 5, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.  
Dear Brother:

When here last fall you urged securing property at Brigham City and starting a school and Mission station. And said that the money and teachers you would furnish. I wrote to you about two weeks ago that the property could be secured and the door was open, quite a number having apostatized and desiring to leave the Mormon rule.

I was over at Brigham City today and looked at several places. Dr. Graham who was with me urged me to secure the hotel which is under mortgage and soon to be sold. Mortgage is \$400 and the owner asks \$400 more. A suitable house for school and residence having a large dining hall well lighted and bar room with upper floor for residence and kitchen. The place is near the centre of the town half an acre lot. House substantial but needing some repairs. The house and lot of \$300 is not in a good locality and could not be used until the building was erected.

Jno. W. Youngs, residence when President of the Utah Northern costing \$8000 with fine grounds three acres, can be bought for \$1500 very fine location and very suitable for a female seminary. The house is still unfinished and has never been occupied. Now is a good opportunity to secure this property Corinne is locking up. We have a Mormon Bishop. The last act of Brigham Young. Sunday School largely increased, population doubled since you were here, buildings going up "for out upon the prairie", all the valley is now taken up under the Desert land act. We have had Mr. McNeice to one communion, very good congregation and material no spiritual.

Secure and let me know immediately concerning this property. Two ladies and \$300 would find a fine opening at once at Brigham City about 4000 population.

Yours Very Truly,  
L. S. Gillespie

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Trinidad, Colo.  
Sept. 7, 1877

Dear Brother Jackson:

It was a long story to explain, but between you, Brother Henry, and myself I have in my possession your old dictionary The old Webster. I understood you intended to give it away, if so may I give it to my mother and sister. Mother recently let one of my brother's grandfather's and she wrote me to know if she could have one of mine, thinking I owned the two in my possession.

Can you come down? I think of starting east in two weeks.

I spent ten days with family and McWilkins folks camping at Stone Wall. There are a hundred people in the settlement. I preached the first sermon in that region. A beautiful county occupied by ranchmen and cattlemen and mostly from the Northern states. They wanted preaching. I preached twice and would go again this fall and start a Sunday school if I could. I wish you would do something for them. They are twenty-five miles from La Veta fourteen from Spanish Peaks, and forty miles from Trinidad. Mr. Wilkins will probably go on a ranch in that region. I would have started a Sunday school the Sabbath I was there but I was not the proper points. People feel sad over my leaving and discouraged, but it is best. I am afraid to risk this county on my wife's health.

Your Brother,  
John L. Gage

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Fort Wingate, N. M.  
Sept. 10, 1877

Dear Doctor:

Your kind favor of August 31st received; and this morning a postal of September 4th. I can only say that I will be delighted to meet your party at the Rio Puerco and there seems to be but one difficulty in the way which if removed in time will enable me to make the trip, and meet you at the Puerco on the evening of the 27th. It is this way, since I first wrote you about the matter, Col. Swaine and wife, daughter and children, have gone to Santa Fe en route to the Rail road at El Moro; from whence they expect to go to Fort Garland. You may encounter some of the party, at some place on the route, that you have laid out. Miss Pritchard I should also have said was with Mrs. S. When I first proposed the trip to Chaco Mrs. Swaine and Miss P. were pleased with the idea and hoped in some way either going to or coming from the R.R. they might meet your party, and join you to the Pueblo Pineda. Since the plans were first projected Mrs. S. has met with a little accident, which will intimidate her from making a horse back trip any where, and I doubt if she will be able to go any where unless she can ride all the way in a carriage. Mrs. Swaine has the pluck to undertake anything, but I do not think it would be prudent now for her to make a horse back ride any where, Miss Pritchard is in Santa Fe having some dentistry done and is expecting to return with the Swaines when they do according to their calculations when they left, in about six weeks. So from present advices I do not see how the above ladies can be of the party as I first planned it.

You might pick up Miss P. at Santa Fe, and bring her with you as far as the Puero, or farther if convenient. At the time that Col. Swaine and his party left here, I had no word from you about coming to this country and as my colleague Dr. Sewall was anxious to go with Col. Swaine I could offer no objections to his leaving; but I at the same time reminded him that I might wish him back in case I should hear from you, and your proposed trip to the Chaco. Dr. Sewall said he would return and let me go with you if nothing interfered. We could not fix any definite plans, because all the events rested on the movements of your party, I wrote Dr. Sewall on receipt of your letter, and I will write him again today since receiving your postal card fixing your arrival at the Puero for the 27inst; and if he can get released from the Colonels party, and returns in time, I may be able to get away from my post, and meet you at the Puero at the time stated above. So many contingencies intervene that I cannot be relied on positively but will with the help of Providence endeavor to get to the Puero at the time stated. I do not know who I can take with me for company. Will Swaine would like to go, so would Lieut. Mitchell, some circumstances are in the way to their going which may be removed by the time we are ready to start. I could not enjoy the trip myself if Dr. Sewall does not return in time to relieve me. I hope your party whoever compose it, will have a pleasant time, and in the interest of the Navajoe, I hope you will all visit Defiance to witness the big issue, which, is expected to come off sometime in the first of October. Capt. Bennett and Lieut. Mitchell have already been up to the agency to receive the goods, and they say that it will be the biggest crowd that has ever been together, I have heard no date set for the issue but suppose Mr. Irvine will await your arrival. If I am not able to meet you at the Puero I shall be glad to see all of your party here and will be glad to entertain as many as I have room for, all that can find a bed; or a chair at my table. If you are obliged to change any of your plans inform me and I will act accordingly.

Yours Very Sincerely,  
J. V. Landerdale

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Silverton, Colo.  
Sept. 10, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson  
Dear Brother;



Preached my farewell sermons yesterday to good audience and most attentive.

Have been very well received indeed and hope some permanent good, results from my visit.

Leave here the 12th inst for Denver.

My membership list for Silverton has now twenty nine names of all denominations.

Hope to see you about the 25th.

Yours Very Truly,  
J. MacAllister

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American Fork, Utah T.  
Sept. 11, 1877

Dear Brother;

My field of operations has been changed to American Fork and Sandy. I preached at the former place last Sabbath to a well filled house. Have rented a hall there 80 by 36 and prospects are good at both points. These places are more liberal and riper than the southern towns.

If you can spare any copies of the E. M. Presbyter. I shall be glad to receive them at the above address and distribute them to those who would value them.

With kind regards from Mrs. Bird and myself.

Truly Yours,  
Geo. R. Bird

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New York  
Sept. 12, 1877

Capt. K. VanOterendrop  
Genl. Supt. Oregon S.S. Co.  
San Francisco.

Dear Sir;

This will be handed you by Rev. Sheldon Jackson of Washington, D. C. to whom you will please furnish a pass to Portland and return, and oblige

Yours Very Truly,  
T. C. Schmidt

New York

The above not being used the Oregon Steamship Company will please pass bearer first class to Portland and return, and oblige

Yours Very Truly,  
Fred C. Schmidt.

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Albany, Oregon  
Sept. 19, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Dear Brother;

You remember the conversation we had at Chicago about our Indian question and the policy to be pursued. After full conversation with Drs. Kendall and Lourie. I do not feel exactly clear about the right course to be pursued. The hitch is in the hold the Foreign Board has upon the government in the appointment of agents. Could the Home Board fill this place at once, and if not, and the Foreign men should throw up the work, might it not, work great harm to the Indians? Please think and agree upon some policy to present to the next assembly. Consult with others. I should like to know your conclusions. What did you find in our filed worthy of mention? Wish I could have met you while at my house. Our Synod meets October 4th-7th at Portland. Hope to devote evenings to popular meetings. Friday Sabbath School convention Saturday the Indian question, Sabbath "Woman's work for woman." Enclosed find outlines of plans agreed on. With regards,  
H. W. Stratton

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Corinne, Utah  
Sept. 21, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Dear Brother;

Your kind favor of the 6th with words of cheer is received. Brigham City cannot be occupied without \$300 cash and as much more in three or six months. The hotel property spoken of is mortgaged for \$400 which must be lifted. It is valued at \$800

Cost \$3000 so they say. They are anxious for school and will help us in seating and fixing up the house which will be considerable and all in these circumstances we can ask. Yet they have offered to help \$100 on mortgage. The door is getting wide open at that strongest Mormon town and we should enter it at once. The reason the property must be obtained is that the Co. Op. controls every business, and the order of binds every man and all that he has. They must give us all to act.

Corinne is growing very rapidly the whole valley is taken up under the desert land bill, and is being fenced and settled. Many good families are coming in, Col. Crichton was up last evening and thinks of making his home here. Bishop Faust of Salt Lake has bought property and many old residents are returning. Lewis & Co., Lovell & Co. Kessell & Co. are each building large business houses. Several fine residences are going up and the population is rapidly increasing. The land and freight interests, the R.R. interest and other river freight stock market and produce have greatly increased and the prospects for our town is very encouraging.

Send us a good man of experience who wishes the advantages of this climate.

I go to Malad Sabbath and to Logan next Sabbath. With Brigham City open to us and Corinne growing I have to let the Episcopalian come in; she have now a settled minister here and the after holding the ground so long. But our sabbath school is still the only one and very prosperous.

Send us money \$300 for the property at Brigham City and an experienced helper.

Yours Very Truly,  
L. S. Gillespie

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Headquarters Department of the Missouri.

Fort Leavenworth, Mo. Aug. 22, 1877

Respectfully returned to the Adjutant General of the Army this Headquarters Military Division of the Mission.

In addition to the remarks of the Quartermaster General of the Army, which of themselves would seem to be a sufficient answer to this application, I desire to say that there is no more reason why Military transportation should be furnished to this party from the end of the narrow gauge road to any point in New Mexico than that it should be furnished between any two villages east of the Mississippi river

From the end of the narrow gauge road (El Moro) there are regular daily stages to Santa Fe, N. M. via Fort Union and by these stages even Army officers and soldiers are required to travel and do travel habitually.

To meet this application it would be necessary to fit out at considerable expense and send transportation to El Moro, one hundred miles east of Fort Union, the nearest post to that point. It is not certain that it would not be necessary to send wagons from Santa Fe, one hundred miles farther.

If this party is unwilling to travel farther by stage after reaching Santa Fe, it is as easy to hire carriages and wagons for the rest of the journey as it would be to hire them in St. Louis.

Besides all this it is not practicable to furnish this transportation without large expense and serious embarrassment to the Military post from which it must be drawn, above all,

such use of public transportation is positively contrary to law, as it involves large expenditure from an appropriation not yet made, for a purpose different from that specified in the law, and therefore subjects those who made it to the direct penalty of the law.

There seems no conceivable reason why the Interior Department should not pay the expenses of its own agents instead of their being paid by the War Department in violation of law, the more especially as an appropriation has been made for the former and not yet for the latter.

Almost every year the appropriation for the War Department and the Army has been drawn upon for such purposes as this application covers and it has only been recently that the War Department has prohibited, by order the issue or loan of subsistence stores to the Indian Department, on the very ground that that Department is already largely in debt to the appropriation for the Army for past accommodations in that direction.

I respectfully report against compliance with this application on these and other sufficient grounds which might be stated.

Jno. Pope

Bvt. Major Gen. U.S.A. Commanding

Headq. Mil. Div. Mo.

Chicago, August 27, 1877

Respectfully returned to the Adjutant Genl. of the Army

An application was made to me by a citizen in person for the use of transportation and supplies for these commissioners and it was refused on the grounds stated in General Pope's endorsement hereon, as well as for other reasons.

(Signed) P. H. Sheridan

Lieut. General

Commanding

Washington, D. C.  
Sept. 1, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Telegram received your application for transportation and subsistence stores referred to Secretary of War to department commander no answer yet received.

Chas. Warren  
Bureau Education

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Washington, D. C.  
Sept. 12, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of the 1st instant, requesting information as to the action of the War Department upon the request made for transportation of "Presbyterian Indian Committee" in New Mexico, I have to advise you, that the office is this day in receipt by proper reference, of a communication from the Hon. Secretary of War, transmitting copy of a communication from General Pope, who, for reasons therein stated, declines to approve the request made for transportation.

Lieut. General Sheridan also concurs in the action taken by General Pope.

Copy of said communication is herewith, for your information.

Very Respectfully,  
J. J. Smith  
Capt.

New Mexico  
(Stevens)

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Santa Fe, New Mexico  
Sept. 22, 1877

To  
Colonel Swaine  
Camp Fort Wingate  
Colonel:

The Rev. Sheldon Jackson and Dr. Kendall of the Presbyterian church desires to visit the various Pueblos in your region, with a view of establishing schools and otherwise improving the condition of the Pueblo Indians. The India Department have asked through the War Department for transportation. General Pope is aware that it is impracticable to furnish the necessary transportation here, but as the object of these visits are for the benefit of the Indians. If convenient you will furnish them with transportation and go with them yourself, or you are authorized to send an officer, and escort with them, if the necessities of the service will possibly allow it.

Unfortunately the recent movement of troops has absorbed all the transportation at Santa Fe.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servant,  
Edward Hatch  
Col. U.S.

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Driver;

Take orders from Dr. Jackson and drive to Red river to-night to meet the Garlands by stage

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Fort Garland  
Sept. 13, 1877

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Corinne, Utah  
Sept. 24, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.  
Dear Brother;

Rev. J. G. Tibbalt writes for information concerning Brigham City, costs, salary, costs of living, requirements of teachers, and probable size of school and mentions some qualifications of himself and wife. As regards the latter I think best for you to judge and so answer through you. Rents none as we will have to buy the house before the school can open. The house in view is a hotel with ample room for a family and

one school room. Cost of living for man and wife about \$20 month, except fuel which alone is dear, wood \$8 per cord and coal \$10 per ton. The salary must be largely paid by the Board, size of school from ten to five hundred as you have success. The liberal element are very desirous for us to begin a school there at once and if you will authorize us to borrow the money on three months time \$300 to secure the property. I can get a lady teacher here to begin the school at once.

As I wrote there is a mortgage on the property that must be lifted before we can get it as the mortgage is held by the Co. Op.

I am writing to Dr. Kendall for teachers and have trusted to you for the money to secure the property as you invited us on your visit last spring.

I have just returned from Malad City fifty miles north, the county seat of Oneida county. They have a new school house ready, and will pay for a teacher and minister \$500. That field should be occupied at once as the county officers and district Judge reside there. It is as large a town and as much a centre as Beaver, and entirely vacant only two sermons by Bishop Tuttle last year and one this spring ever being preached in the town, and that with considerable Gentile population. All my expenses were paid and every facility and accommodation heartily tendered. The house could not hold the audience. The men who desire our help are the two Judges District and County Judge, Clerk, Sheriff, and Treasurer all Gentiles, also a liberal Mormon element and a large community of Josephites. I have written to Dr. Kendall for a man for this field.

If Mr. Tidball in your judgement will suit Brigham City, send him on at once with three hundred dollars to secure the property, and we will begin work at that Mormon stronghold. I should think Mrs. Tidball would find a very wide field for her talents at Brigham City if she is Sup't. of a Graded School in Denver as Mr. Tidball writes. Good teachers are what is wanted in Brigham City. The preaching can be done easily from Corinne. They would have to depend on the board for their salary as the seating of the house and assisting in securing the property is all that we can expect from the people.

Yours Very Truly,

L. S. Gillespie

P. S. Sept. 25th I have with the assistance of Dr. Graham bargained today for that Brigham City property paying \$300 cash, one note of \$250 in six months, and one of \$200 in twelve months. \$750 for the property. The man says it cost him to build it \$3500 six years ago. We have it insured for \$500 and get possession the 15th of October. I have borrowed the \$300 on my own note expecting your help to meet it and that as soon as possible. Please send a good man and the money I will look to you.

L. S. Gillespie

Portland, Oregon  
Sept. 25, 1877

Rev. S. Jackson, D.D.  
Denver, Colo.

My dear brother;

I transmit the enclosed letter from J. I. French Chief Clerk who explains his tardiness to me in a letter dated the 13th.

The Boise City mission is fully inaugurated and as I have requested R. V. Condit to give you the desirable particulars concerning it I forbear to mention any. Condit declines the position for good reasons. I have written to Rev. J. W. Nonfort proposing that he assume the charge of it. You know whether to encourage this or not, but I remind you of the encouragement you gave me that you could find a suitable man for Boise City.

Judging from the condition of our affairs there we should lose no time in supplying the place with the most competent minister we can find. Mr. Condit will hold on as long as he can but he ought to be relieved as soon as possible. Knowing his reasons for withdrawing I wrote him inquiring, "Can you leave Boise City without seriously jeopardizing our interest" and adding, "If so you can close up your relation to the mission and leave everything as convenient as possible for your successor", you see the need of prompt action.

A check has been put upon our progress in Alaska which ought to be lifted off without delay. I expected by this time to hear of our Home Board taking charge, but Dr. Dickson under date of 21st in answering a letter of mine to Dr. Kendall which of course plunges in red ink says that "I can make no intelligent reply to what you say i.e. about Alaska or its affairs" obviously Dr. D. had not then seen my letters written previously to Dr. Kendall. On the 14th he writes under similar ignorance of what I had done by correspondence and through Brother Salory, Mrs. McFarland, and yourself this still leaves the whole mission on my hands and I am now responsible to the extent of five or six hundred dollars about half of which will have been actually paid out by the time this letter reaches Denver. I regard this however as only a temporary inconvenience. I have called the attention of the board in past times to the condition of Alaska and the present status is the tree beginning to bear fruit.

Miss. McFarland's last letters are all confirmatory of the importance of this mission and the need of an ordained missionary. The danger of another Indian outbreak is imminent I remarked in a late letter in urgently pleading for well qualified Indian Agents, that the idea of governing Alaska from the deck of a revenue cutter was preposterous. That opinion is already verified? Sitka Jack is still fomenting sedition, the Indians laugh at the cutter and say they can capture it at any time and the Sitka people are full of



apprehension, there is not so much alarm at Wrangle. Since God has so manifestly tendered the whole of Alaska to our church, I cannot understand the apathy of the Foreign Board.

I have been trying to write for your paper a sketch of the origin and progress of this Alaska Mission. Perhaps it will be ready soon. The Govt is about to reemploy Miss McVeth. Seattle has gone back. Its rangers have reengaged Moffie.

Faithfully Yours in the Fellowship,  
A. L. Lindley

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Zuni Pueblo, New Mexico  
Sept. 25, 1878

Received from J. Manual the sum of Twenty dollars (\$20) for transportation to Zuni.

Baptist

Sheldon Jackson  
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Santa Fe, New Mexico  
Sept. 25, 1877

To the  
Commanding Officer,  
Fort Wingate, N. M.

Sir:

The District Commander directs me to inform you that Doctor Jackson and Doctor Kendall now at this place, intend visiting Fort Wingate and may desire to visit some of the Pueblos on a mission in the interests of the Indian.

He also directs that you furnish these gentlemen such assistance as may be in your power to facilitate their movements and also send a Spring Wagon to meet them at McCarty's on October 2nd, 1877.

Very Respectfully  
Your ob't Servant,  
(Signed) John S. Lord

1st Endorsement

Headqrs. Dis. of N.M. Acting Ass't Adj't Gen'l's office

Santa Fe, N.M. Sept. 25, 1877  
 Official copy was respectfully furnished Dr. Jackson, for  
 his information, by Command of Col. Hatch.

John S. Lord

1st Lieut. & Adj't

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Ciudad, N. M.  
 Sept. 26, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
 Santa Fe, N.M.  
 Dear Brother;

Your very kind letter of the 24th inst was received today but on account of its being issue day, had not time to answer in time for this evening's coach. Now that the labors of the day are over I hasten to reply. Your letter was very much of a surprise to me in more ways than one. I did not know that you were living in New Mexico, neither was I aware that you had interested yourself in my behalf. It (the letter was very opportune, also, for it brought me comfort and reassurance at a time when I was in considerable trouble. Trouble which I had just brought upon my self by refusing to receive supplies (beef) that I did not conscientiously believe to come within the meaning of the contract on which they were to be furnished. You may have wondered why that should have caused me any trouble and if so, it is because you do not know that by doing so I have gotten the whole town, with a few exceptions down on me. (Excuse a slang expression) I have done nothing but what I believe to be exactly right, in the matter, nothing but what I can ask God's blessing upon though it is possible that he may not always approve. Only he is infallible, the assumptions of the Roman Pontiff's notwithstanding. I have heard nothing with regard to the Navajo Agency except that I was notified of having been nominated by the Board for the place.

It gives me great pleasure to know that you have given so much attention to the establishment of Mission Schools among the Indians as that seems to be the most efficient, if not the only means that can be employed in the civilizing and enlightening of those tribes successfully.

I should be much pleased to see Dr. Kendall and your self in Santa Fe or elsewhere, but of course can make no appointment, not having received my appointment.

With regard to the nomination of teachers at the Agency I have only to say that I have none in view, and in



and in the event of being placed in charge, would take pleasure in calling to my aid yourself, Mr. Smith and other friends in their selection. It occurs to me that the teachers should not only be competent in their profession but strictly moral and upright in their habits and if possible members of some evangelical church; and with this view the cooperation of the home Mission arm of the church will be evoked, should occasion require that I have any voice in the matter.

My kindest regards to Mr. Smith and Dr. Kendall. Remember me to all your family and friends,

Very truly yours,  
John W. Pyle.

Evans Colorado.

Rev. S. Jackson.

Dear Bro:-

You are aware that I was excused and left Presbytery before adjournment and consequently do not know whether there was any action in reference to Balemont and Erie. I do not know whether they are vacated, or at what time they will be. If the way is open I would make a visit to those fields and see what the prospect is, although if the present arrangement continues for a time it will make no difference as I could not well move my family before next spring. I will be pleased to hear from you and will be willing to entertain any suggestions you have to make.

The field at Balemont and Erie would suit me better than any other in many respects if it should be found satisfactory to the people at those places.

Yours as ever in the Gospel,

J. F. Stewart.

Prescott, Arizona.  
Oct. 1st, 1877.

Dear Dr. Jackson:-

I am sorry I did not see you in San Francisco. The day you were there I was on my way back with a chill. I visited Yuma on my way here, and reported results to the Board. I wish you would urge them to send a good man

to that point. There is a population of 1500 or more and not a single meeting place for Protestant worship. Some time ago a travelling preacher went through there and preached morning and evening for them. On the spot they passed a paper and got a salary of a hundred dollars a month pledged if he would remain a year. I am sure they will give at least \$500 a year if we send a man there. Living is not much higher than in Colorado. Freight from San Francisco is only two and a half cents by rail, while to Prescott it is nine cents.

The climate of Yuma is delightful in winter- almost unbearable in summer. You ought to do soon what ever you intend to do as winter is fast approaching. We held our regular communion service yesterday. Two persons united on profession, and six children including our own little boy were baptized.

Your paper is doing good missionary work in Prescott and the mountains around.

Mrs. H. and baby send kind regards. We hold a meeting tonight to elect new trustees and decide upon building.

Yours cordially,  
J. A. Merrill.

P. S. Anderson and I have petitioned to be set off into the Synod of Pacific. That is our only way out.

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79 Adams St. Allegheny, Pa.  
Oct. 1, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Our Soc. has been sending boxes to ewstern minist-ers for the last four years. It will be difficult to prepare them this winter, and the ladies seem to prefer to send the money. Their choice is to support or aid in supporting one of their own sex as teacher or worker in the Home Mission field. They are not willing yet to pledge more than \$100 and have really not the half of that on hand now.

What would you say to the change? Would you advise it, and do you know any worthy woman worker.

Mrs. M. J. Paxton

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Fort Wingate, N.M.  
Oct. 3, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.  
Santa Fe, N.M.

Dear Doctor;

The bundle of pictures reached me this morning; but yourself and party are among the missing. I had every reason to think that as Dr. Thomas had given his team to bring you as far as Blue Water that it would not be asking too much to bring you all the way here. I had my house all in order for you, and after you were here, why I would endeavor to make it pleasant for you until facilities for making excursions to other points offered themselves. I thought if you were once here you could find it profitable to remain at least until I should be at liberty to go with you to Chaso. You cannot be more disappointed than I am at the results of all our plans. I hope you will visit Chaso on your way to Santa Fe, and perhaps Jemez Springs.

I handed Iswitt and Stafford their pictures for which they return yourself and W. H. J. thanks. Lieut. Mitchell leaves for Defiance this afternoon, and will take the package for Mr.

I spoke to Mr. Reed the Postmaster about your mail and he said he had received a postal card from you requesting him to forward your mail to Santa Fe.

I don't feel at all reconciled to not seeing you at Wingate this fall. With kindest regards to your party and yourself, believe me

Yours Very Sincerely,  
J. V. Landerdale

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West Las Animas, Colo.  
Oct. 4, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Dear Brother;

I have just sent a petition to the Presbytery from Granada for the organization of a Presbyterian church at that point.

If you can make it convenient I would be pleased to have you come down and take a part in the organization.

The people at West Las Animas would like it if you could spend a Sabbath with us.

The petition asks that Brother Bliss be appointed on the committee of organization, as two of the members, Mr. and Mrs. Beales are from his church; please confer with him.

There are six names on the petition and I think one or two others will unite in the organization.

I have not got Rocky Ford to an organizing point yet. I started a sabbath school there a few weeks since. I haven't got means to attend the meeting of Presbytery. Mrs. M. is enjoying better health than where she came out here. She joins me in kind regards to you and your family.

Your Brother in Christ,  
J. L. Merritt

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Blue Water, New Mexico  
Oct. 4, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.  
Santa Fe, N. M.

Dear Sir;

Received your note at this place, sorry I could not have the pleasure of meeting you. Am now en route to Fort Wingate, with 180 warm spring Apaches which I succeeded in finding about 100 miles south of here in the mountains. A few have been killed, and other yet remain scattered through the mountains, the latter I am satisfied I can succeed in bringing in if I have the time and opportunity. Two or three of these have breech loading rifles with metallic cartridges, and generally pretty well armed. Shall arrive in Wingate with them in about four days, have to travel slow on account of most of them being a foot. They will not go to the San Carlos reservation again they say, as they will have to fight the other Apaches there, who they state caused them to leave: they wish to remain somewhere in this part of the country, and expressed themselves as willin to work and do as the Govt desires if allowed to do so.

Must be brief being alone, (with the exception of a few Navajo s) as I have to be with the Apaches all the time.

Will write you again as soon as I have them properly settled.

Very Truly Yours,  
Thomas F. Kear

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Boise City, Idaho  
Oct. 4, 1877

Rev Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

My dear Brother;

It may not be uninteresting to you if I write a short sketch of my work in this place. August 10th found me on the ground looking about the town. Gov. Mason Brayman called to see me and gave me the desired information about the school and the other church services. The Methodist conference absorbed most of the attention for twelve days after my arrival. I held one service each Sabbath while those learned divines were here. Since they left, have conducted preaching services nearly every sabbath morning and evening. The attendance has averaged about 55. The S. S. is the most interesting feature of the work here. It has been steadily growing ever since my coming, and will thrive abundantly, if a good live minister is located here. Very much depends on the man. The people are disgusted with exhortation. They want someone that can make the Gospel more interesting than the average circuit rider or the ordinary farmer, or the conceited gentleman from the Emerald Isle. They don't want to be driven or frightened into the church. I hope the man who comes to occupy this place will have great courage and wisdom. I seriously doubt the propriety of conducting service both morning and evening; but that must be left to the judgement of the man stationed here, and the desire of the people. It will be slow work to undertake persuading the people to buy their own property. If the board would only buy the church the people would fix it up. I have secured the lot in the rear of the church building, also the one joining the side of the church. The title to the \$150 lot is in a very precarious condition. Gov. B. thinks we had better not be in too much of a hurry about buying that. Gov. Brayman put too high a price on the church building. He has frankly admitted to me that he would be very slow to give \$200 for it. I think it can be bought for \$500 and should be unwilling to give more.

Dr. Lindsley has instructed me to write to Rev. Isaac W. Moffatt (of Denver) and give him such information as I think valuable for my successor. From which I infer he is to come here with the purpose of staying. I have complied with his request and mail him a letter today. I notice by the minutes of the last Assembly that his P. O. address is put down not at Denver but elsewhere. If he is not at Denver will you please forward the letter to him.

It will not be an easy matter to get the Baptist people to join our church. Two ladies will probably do so when an organization is effected. The others will be slow to follow. Mr. Schaffer is now, in all human probability lying on his death bed. He told me he was so old that even though he lived he did not think it worth while for him to come back to us. Should I be thought wise to organize today, we would not have a single male member. To my certain knowledge one of the individuals that gave you some of the leading facts about the church



property here, has been using direct persuasion to keep a  
 baptist lady from turning away from her former allegiance. I  
 simply state this that you may see how slow even those  
 big as Ted speed are to live up to their words.

Personally the people have been very cordial to me and seem  
 to regret that I am going away. They earnestly desire that a  
 man may be sent to them without delay.

Dr. Lindsley said you should supply the needed or  
 and wanted that I should in common with him, urge that  
 in your power you would "fill the bill". I think with you  
 that the Presbyterian church will be very ready if she allow  
 this opportunity to pass; but I also think the field one of  
 very grave difficulties, and that it needs a man of experience  
 to undertake it. As far as myself I do not think I ought to  
 stay here.

My instructions are to close up my relations with this mission  
 and after helping to organize the church at Walla Walla, and  
 visiting Takah City, return to Portland. The filed in which  
 I expect to be located is in Clallam County, Wash. S.

I expect to leave here today. Through the papers I learned  
 of your return from Alaska. The people speak kindly of your  
 short visit and those you met wish to be remembered when I  
 write you.

Praying that the Master of this mission will send the  
 needed laborer I remain

Yours Faithfully,

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1000 E. Madison St. Chicago, Ill.  
 Oct. 5, 1887

Dear Brother:

Enclosed is a copy of Antrim City church site title,  
 referred to in our conversation, and which I omitted to leave  
 with you.

In regard to Silverton Messrs Green & Co. promised subscrip-  
 tion, Messrs Fowlson & Snowden promised lots, and Dr. Brown  
 would assist in building. As there was no town company there  
 (as there was at Antrim) the lots being individually owned,  
 I did not see the propriety of going forward in obtaining pro-  
 perty as the feeling of the board as to immediate action was  
 not well known to me.

Yours With Kind Regards,  
 J. MacAllister

Denver, Col.  
Oct. 10, 1877

Brethren:

Will you please give us a letter certifying the standing of Nathan McKillip in your church at the time of his removal from your bounds.

Please do so without delay.

By request of N. McKillip.

F. P. Welsh  
Pastor Pres. church, Alva

Direct to Fairplay  
Park Co. Col.

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Schell City, Mo.  
Nov. 3, 1877

F. P. Welsh Esq.

Dear Sir:

Your letter was handed to me today. There is no Presbyterian Session here at present, I am a member of the Presbyterian church that was organized here at the time Mr. Mc. was made a member, as to his standing in the church will leave you to judge after saying he was made Deacon and filled the place with honor as far as I know up to the time he left here, if there is any desire for more information on the subject will refer you to the Rev. Rector of Butler Bates Co. Mo. who was pastor of the church at the time.

Respectfully,

Dr. H. P. Wherrett

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Franklin, Ohio  
Oct. 11, 1877

Dear Brother Jackson;

I will soon send you a letter that you may publish. As to Trinidad. They paid me within \$80 what they owed me. I have arranged for contributions for a bell when they shall have settled for all indebtedness (over \$100 for a bell) and purchased the bell.

The deficit in salary is owing simply to inattention on the part of the T. . . . When they both took hold of the matter \$170 was collected in two or three days. I was absent last fall and then they gave their attention to church building for sometime and so they were behind six months before they were aware of it.

As to the defection you know who they are and why. If the man who goes to Trinidad could only know something of the characters. Mrs. Swallow said to me "The next minister must not be intimate with Mr. Phillips and family", and but immediately added "I would not be willing to tell him". The whole trouble I had arose most from the fact that Mrs. Phillips is a gossip and envious, though I think them a christian family. If the man who goes there could know this it might save him trouble.

Mrs. Gage is sleeping well since we came to Ohio. Willie has taken a very bad cold.

I am at work addressing churches on Home Missions. Last Sat. evening I spoke on "Home Mission work among the Heathen". I presume the audience were interested for I am invited to repeat the same before a union church meeting also to give it for the benefit of the V. M. C. A. lecture committee.

Expect to be at Hamilton this evening and have engagement in Dayton.

Love from Mrs. Gage to your wife.

Your Brother,

John L. Gage

P. S. I left the church virtually without an eldership, my reason was this, Mr. Bartolett's time was about to expire and they were not inclined to re-elect him. The church had dropped and Phillips, Stark declined re-election and Mr. Phillips was anxious to elect Mr. Bescomb and Mr. Bescomb was anxious for the office. He is not fit for an elder at all.

I agree with Mr. Monfort who said when at Trinidad "better be without an elder than have Bescomb, I'd rather favor to have Phillips. He has some power but I really thought best to have no election than to have Mr. Bescomb in office.

I think Col. Swallow would vote for Bescomb because he is a good man and a christian but he (Bescomb) is full of "stubborn and has not good sense."

Wife and I both felt so, but I could not say anything. Mr. Wilkins has moved to Stone Wall. I had intended to make him elder. I did just what I thought was best.

J. L. G.

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Fort Wrangel, Alaska.  
Oct. 11, 1897

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.  
Dear Brother:

I thought I would enclose this letter in time so as not to be hurried. In the first place I am proud to say I am moved and am now sitting by my own hearth, I find this little house quite comfortable, and I am fixed much more cozy than I thought I could be with so little as I had to fix with. I feel quite contented and if I only had my dear husband with me I should be perfectly happy. The people here have been very kind in helping us to get moved and fixed. Especially Mr. Lear and Mr. Tenant. I borrowed a little heating stove from Mr. Stephens to use in my kitchen till the California comes. I bought a rug of that carpet at Mr. Lear's store to cover my room. It just made me sick to pay such a price for so poor an article. But I could not help it. I could not do without one and I had no money to send to Portland for one. I sent with Mr. Vanderbilt for some chairs and a clock for Phillip. I bought a table for him here and paid \$4.50 for it. Phillip has moved into Father's house, he does not have to pay any rent there, his wife comes to school now. I was surprised to find she did not know her A B C (and she is not a bit smart about learning them either) I asked Phillip how long they had been married, he said "My Father gave me Annie when I was a little boy for a present and I have lived with her ever since" (I am afraid they are not very happy) Matthew comes to school and is very anxious to learn, he says "He want to learn quick so he can read the Bible all the time". I had a funny experience with him last week, he and his wife had gotten into some trouble and had not lived together for almost a year, she is one of my best scholars and I saw she was in great trouble. I found she wanted to go back to her husband so I brought Matthew home with me one day and had a long talk with him, he said he and his wife lived ten years happy together, but last fall some good friends of his told him what a bad woman she was and that if he was a Christian he ought not to live with her. I talked to him a long time and told him that although his wife may have done some things that were wrong, yet if he was a Christian he ought to forgive her. I told him he had no right to ask God to forgive him if he could not forgive his wife. He went away very thoughtful. The next day he came back in great trouble said he had not been able to sleep all night. He wanted me to see his wife. So I appointed a meeting for the next day when we would all be present, also another man and his wife who had come to me with their troubles, we had the meeting. Had the two couples Phillip and Mrs. Dickerson present, I made it a religious meeting. I wanted to make it as solemn as possible. We had the confessions each one telling their grievance. I told them the point was now whether they were willing to forgive and forget

the past and try to be happy together again and try to live  
 as christians should do. They all decided that they would  
 and went off happy and seemingly are getting along very well  
 since. This is new work for me. I do hope we will get a min-  
 ister pretty soon to attend to such work as this. I do not  
 know as I am very wise about somethings but I try to do the  
 best I can, seeking help from above. I wrote you about Mr.  
 Tennant taking that young girl. He has grown ashamed already  
 and sent her home. There is one very aggravated case here of  
 one of my school girls, I cannot write you the particulars  
 about it, but if I can get the girl away I will bring her to  
 my house, oh pray for me that I may have wisdom given me that  
 I may do what is right in all these things. I hope there may  
 be money furnished me from some source to enable me to offer  
 a home to any such cases where I think it will be wise to do  
 so. One thing I forgot to tell you about Philip, they have a  
 boy ten years old, his sister's child (the sister is dead)  
 so when the clothing is sent for he and his wife there had  
 better be some sent for the boy. They do not bring the boy to  
 school or church. I have talked to Philip about it, he says  
 the boy has to stay at home to do the work, but I imagine  
 his clothes have something to do with it for he has been very  
 poorly dressed when I have seen him. I wish when the box is  
 sent there could be a dictionary sent for Philip and a Bible  
 for Mrs. Dickerson. She wants one with pictures and large  
 print (she only sees out of one eye) I would like to present  
 the Bible to her for interpreting. We now have the school in  
 the old log house, but it is not a good place. It is too small  
 and it is a cold place. That lumber we used for the seats in  
 the other house was so long we could not use it without cut-  
 ting it, and we could not cut it without buying it, so I had  
 to buy it. It was much cheaper than to have seats made. When  
 the ladies send the box to me I wish they would send me all  
 the pretty worsted pieces they can find, I want to have work  
 for my sewing school when they have no work of their own,  
 so if I can get the pieces I will have them piece a decorated  
 quilt for the mission. Two or three of the white men have  
 said to me that the people in the east could do nothing better  
 than to send a good physician here. They say there is no  
 better place for a Doctor than Fort Frangel. Mr. Vanderbilt  
 told me that Dr. Hall said he made more money at outside pract-  
 ice while he was here than he had ever made since he commen-  
 ced practicing. I do wish you could find a good christian  
 Doctor that would be willing to come here. Let him have a  
 supply of medicine and I believe he would do well. Of course  
 he must expect to do a good deal of doctoring among the Ind-  
 ians that he would not get paid for. A man of the right kind  
 one that would take hold and help in the meetings would be  
 a great help. (let him be a Presbyterian if possible) and  
 oh we do need a minister so much. I pray the time will soon  
 come when one will be found.

Philip told me that Mr. Crosby wrote him a letter saying he was coming to Wrangel sometime this month. I do not know what he is coming for unless to organize these Indians into a Methodist church. If he comes for that purpose it will prevent it if possible. There has been several young men up from Fort Simpson lately to preach. They will not use our singing books, but bring their own Methodist books and distribute them. Mr. Vanderbilt told me the Roman Catholics had sent to Europe for a Priest to come to Fort Wrangel and if I had not been already on the field they would have commenced this fall. Mr. V. said it was at his earnest solicitations that they were moving in the matter. This last is of course confidential. I was very much surprised when he told me, you see if I had given up coming when Dr. Lindsley discouraged me the field would have been lost to protestantism and christianity. There has a little Roman Catholicism crept in somewhere already. I have had to contend with some of them about the idea of confessing their sins to Philip and some of the others.

Oct. 15th.

I have very sad news to write? Our dear Philip is very very sick and his recovery is I fear doubtful. Night before last an Indian came after me in the night, said Philip was dying and wanted me right away. I dressed and went as quickly as I could, found he had been taken suddenly with a severe hemorrhage of the lungs. I feared he could not live till morning, today he seems a little better but has some bad symptoms. I asked him the first night if he was willing to go if it was the Lord's will to take him now, he said he would liked to have seen a minister here first, but that it was all right. His wife seems very devoted since he has been sick. The Indians are very much distressed about his being sick.

Oct. 19th.

The steamer came in last night. I was much disappointed not to get a letter from you, I received the papers though and am very thankful. Philip has had no return of his bleeding, but is very feeble and today I find his hands and feet swollen very much and I also find Mrs. Dickerson sick in bed today with a very severe cold. So you see how full our hands are. There has been three young men here from Fort Simpson attending school for the last three weeks. One of them is a preacher but he can only preach in his own language and now that Mrs. Dickerson is sick and no one to interpret for him, I do not know who we will get along tomorrow. Dr. Lindsley wrote me by this mail and sent me a hundred dollars. He says he has not heard from the Board, at least has not received my commission. He says the transfer from the Foreign Board to the Domestic has caused some friction and therefore delay. But has no doubt it will be all right in the end. I was very glad to get the hundred dollars, yet it will not go very far when there is so much to be paid with it. I have to send the pay for my stove and pay my freight bill.

(I do not know how much it is) Then I sent with Mr. Vanderbilt for a pair of pillows, and a clock and some chairs for Philip I also send for a student lamp. I have to do so much of my writing at night that I could not do well without one. These things I have to pay for. My stove is very nice. The stove with furniture and pipe freight added cost me \$53.90. I sent to a friend of mine for it. He donated ten per cent to the mission. Where is the money to come from to pay Philip's store bill up to October 1st, also to pay for the wood, the rent, and other things for the school? Mrs. Lindsley wrote me, said they had sent the butter, but my freight has not come over yet. I hope you did not write anything to Portland about them not sending the things I sent for. I do not want them to think that I had complained to you about them. I do hope you will be able to get some of the ladies to be willing to do as you said about paying for the furnishing of my house. If they do not I am going to come out very much behind, as it is I feel I am going to be cramped and in debt all the year. Which is a very uncomfortable feeling to me. I have very little in my house but you know how everything costs here. The one item of carpet cost me \$34. I will also be very thankful if the ladies will send me the box spoken of. I think everything that is sent to Philip had better be directed to me. Mrs. Lindsley wrote me that Miss McBeth had received her commission and would start for Lapwai in a few days. Do you know if she is to get the same salary from the Board that she got from the government? The Indians come flocking here yesterday as soon as the steamer came in to know if there was any word about a white man preacher coming. I will keep this letter open until the steamer comes from Sillam, so I can let you know how Philip is. I went over to see Mrs. Vanderbilt today and like her very much. She has two dear little children. She brought a servant home with her, a big strong looking Irish woman. Mrs. Vanderbilt said she would not have come back if I had not been here.

Oct. 22th

As the steamer is expected I will now finish this letter and have it in readiness. I got my butter find it very nice, it is packed in a stone jar. I have seen Philip today and find him very much better, he looks very pale and seems feeble. I think he will be about in a few days if he continues to improve. When you go east could you have a check made and have Philip commission date from the first of August instead of the first of October. Then we would have the means to pay the indebtedness in the store. Philip's clock cost \$4. The chairs \$2 a piece. I got him four. I hope to hear from you by next mail. Philip was disappointed not to hear from you. Mr. Davidson told me he had sent you the pictures some time ago by the Grappler. The women and girls come to my house three afternoons in the week for sewing school. This with being in school, visiting the sick, and attending to my

housekeeping keeps me very busy. I fear you will get out of patience with my long letters, but there is so much to write about that I cannot help it.

Truly Yours,

A. S. M. Warland

P. S. I have not received those pictures yet of yourself and family.

Merissa, Col.

Oct. 2, 1877

Rev. John MacAllister,

Dear Sir:

Your kind letter of September 5th was received and I am very sorry that circumstances prevented my answering before. We were glad to learn of your success in getting names in this valley, for we think a church organization would do great good here. We are very glad of the opportunity to add our names to the list. We are members of the M. E. church at Wagon, Wis. and we have never received or applied for letters of membership as there has never been an organization of that denomination where we have lived since coming west. Hoping to have the pleasure of meeting you here in the valley soon. We are

Very Truly Yours,

Wiles E. Clark

Iona Clark

1080 N. Halsted St. Chicago, Ill  
Oct. 13, 1877

Rev. W. E. Bliss

My dear Brother:

The enclosed is just to hand please add these names (husband and wife) to the addition to membership of African City Church and oblige.

Yours with kind regards,

John MacAllister

P. S. Please send me a copy of Denver paper giving account of meeting in Colorado of the Presbyter; if not too much trouble.

Yours,

J. MacAllister



Monument, Col.  
Oct. 14, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

After leaving you at Fr. City the sixth of last month we arrived safely in this place. The little church here needs looking after badly, my son and myself have been looking over the ground carefully. There are five outlying preaching stations. There are not far from twenty members, that we think might be gathered into the church here, provided we had a minister. It does seem to us that we might take care of a minister especially if he had a family. The Baptists have no membership in town, the Methodists have a young man that cannot meet the wants of the people. Our sabbath school is doing nicely. My good husband has gone to his reward, my home is broken up and I have a strong desire to do something for the church of Christ. Can't you visit us? If here you will know better our necessities. I had thought of Rev. V.A. Mc school in Parkville, he sends out ministers for the home field. If you can't stop off and preach for us sometime before long, please let us hear from you by letter.

Yours Truly,  
(Mrs.) Jane T. Flacely

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Silverton, Col.  
Oct. 15, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.  
Synodical Missionary of the  
Presbytery of Colorado  
Denver, Col.  
Sir:

I beg to submit herewith to you and your Presbytery a petition signed by several of the residents of the town of Silverton, Col. for the purpose of requesting that Rev. John MacAllister, who, has represented your Presbytery in said town during the past summer, be returned to Silverton next season and permanently thereafter if possible. From personal inquiry I am convinced that Mr. MacAllister has given universal satisfaction in his ministrations here, and that those who have signed this petition are sincere in their request.

Trusting that such request may be favorably received at your hands, I remain

Very Respectfully

Your ob't. Servant,

Almon S. Rendonish.

Fort Collins  
Oct. 16, 1927

Dr. Jackson:

I wrote you a card stating the proceeds of our Fair and Festival, but it was \$159 instead of \$157. This sum will be used by the ladies to furnish the church, which together with about \$50 contributed by the ladies society previously will make our new church quite comfortable. Hope we will see you here soon.

Yours Fraternally,  
O. F. Finks

West Las Animas, Col.  
Oct. 19, 1927

Dear Brother Jackson:

We expect to organize the church at Granada November 5th (Monday evening) Can you come down and take part in the organization? The train for Pueblo Monday, P.M. will arrive in time for evening service.

I will spend the sabbath November 4th at Granada. My wife may go down on the train Monday. Would like much to have you come down, and also make us a visit at West Las Animas. We could make an appointment for you to preach here Tuesday evening.

My wife joins me in love to yourself and family.

Your Brother in Christ,  
J. L. Merritt

New York  
Oct. 19, 1927

Dear Dr. Jackson,

A letter from Dr. K. asks that I send you the action of the Board on Rev. S. Bayre's application, at the meeting on Oct. 23th. As both the Cor. Secy's are away it has been postponed until the 30th of Oct. at which time if desired I will send the information asked.

In closed find a notice cut from the N.Y. Herald which gives a short account of the doings in the Synod of N.J. The women's work feature goes up good. My wife tells me that Mrs. James seems quite ready and anxious to go to work for H. M. Now that N.J. has moved in this matter and several other Synods and Presbyteries I think with proper push and management the work will soon take a prominent place in our

land. I look for ten or twenty organizations in Elizabeth  
Presbytery inside of a year. My wife tells me they were very  
explicit in their determination to be auxiliary to no other  
Society though Mrs. Graham was on hand, and ready to say come  
we'll take you.

The Synod is having a big time over the "Sec" case.  
Money has been sent to Dr. Lindsay for Mrs. McFarland and  
Philip McKay. The board has not fully systematized its teach-  
ers work and won't until Dr. E. gets back. The inquiries we  
have about the Alaska work inclines us to think that it will  
draw the cash as no other mission has done so far.

Yours Truly,  
G. E. Boyd

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Evanson, Wyoming T.  
Oct. 19, 1877

Dear brother Jackson:

For some months a Mormon from Almy Coal  
mine has been attending our church, and almost always, after  
working hard all day in a blacksmith's shop has traveled six  
miles to attend prayer meeting on Tuesday evening. One week  
ago last sabbath he united with our church; he is a veri  
intelligent man his wife has already found the Saviour to be  
the one altogether lovely; he has started a sabbath school at  
Almy and I expect to preach there every other sabbath after-  
noon.

I wish we had a small library for Almy. Every other week Tues-  
day evening I preach in Green River and have very good con-  
gregations. I also stop at "Cartes Station".

I really think the people along the road are longing after  
something higher than they have been living for.

I will write soon and let you know more of my labors.

In haste with kind regards from us all.

Yours Truly,  
F. L. Arnold

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Del Norte, Col.  
Oct. 20, 1877

Dear Brother:

Yours received. Mrs. Darley says "go"--and I  
think we can arrange "home matters" so as not to interfere.  
So I'll (D.V.) be on hand at Garland City Tuesday Oct. 30.  
I do not see need of another horse "Frank" good for it.

Distances are as follows. Garland City to Conejos 42 miles  
 Conejos by new road to Tierra Amarilla 65 miles, so only  
 140 miles 1st week 2nd week only about 125 miles 3th week  
 only about 140 miles. Horse will cost at least \$1 a day to  
 hire plus something else.  
 But if you desire it write immediately look out for another  
 letter Wednesday night.

Yours,

A. M. Darley

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St Louis, Mo.  
 Oct. 20, 1877

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Jackson:

So far safe, rain all the way. "Droughty  
 Kansas" and Mo. are both under water. After being baked in  
 Mexico, we welcome the clouds the coolness, the water, no  
 heat, no dust, no thirst.

Her are the tickets which I forgot to leave. Perhaps you can  
 turn them off at Garland for board and lodgings and a bal-  
 ance to close the account. If not let Darley trade them off  
 and send the proceeds, so that I can settle my account with  
 the boards.

This dark cold spell leads me to hope that you will have a  
 good time to go to Santa Fe Presbytery, N.S. Please ask them  
 to hurry forward all their papers as soon as possible so they  
 shall be surely before us in time for the Nev. meeting.

Have seen both Hill and Allen, both report matters favor-  
 able in their respective synods.

The "Roller" is still firm.

Yours Truly,

H. Kendall

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Portland, Oregon  
 Oct. 20, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.  
 Dear Brother:

Your letter of Oct. 12th was received yester-  
 day. The confusion at the home office about the commis-  
 sions of Mrs. McFarland, and Philip McKay was created by a  
 brief note of mine addressed to Dr. Dickson knowing the ab-  
 sence of Dr. Kendall and giving the latest information from  
 Alaska. Referring to your report for the information in de-  
 tail, (I assumed that you would forward a report to the

Board) In the want of this Dr. D. passed. I immediately wrote referring to date forwarded to Dr. Kendall, and giving a summary of my proceedings in the case. This letter brought an answer to-night with remittance of \$500 for Mrs. McFarland and Philip McKay, and with this concluding deliverance. "We most cordially assure the Alaska work". This will relieve you from any necessity of making a detailed report.

I will try to prepare for you, or caused to be prepared, a brief sketch of Synod's proceedings.

I have the great pleasure to announce that Stratton was unanimously chosen Synodical Missionary.

I will remit \$50 currency on Monday next. This I believe was the sum you advanced to Mrs. McFarland.

I am now in pursuit of two or three men for Boise, one of whom will accept the position, I have reason to believe. But if you find a good man for the place don't fail to let me know.

Miss McBeth has gone back to her self-sacrificing tasks. She should not be forgotten in the prayers of the church.

Faithfully Yours in the Fellowship,  
A. L. Lindsley

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Del Norte, Cal.  
Oct. 23, 1877

Dear Brother Jackson:

I wrote you Saturday promising you another letter by Wednesday.

I write to tell you all I know of Tierra Amarilla. It is deemed the most central point for reaching the San Juan River. The Rito Chaves is.

Its centre 60 miles west and 25 to the east of about 6000 or 10,000 people Mexican. "Chicago Colony" built against it on north. Talk of mill stone etc. In there this fall, when on the San Juan River we are 21 miles from Abilene City! Serafin N. Aragon of Rio San Juan said he could come over to Tierra A. every 15 days to church if mission there 80 miles for if a man wants a remedy he will go for it.

Tierra Amarilla is about 40 miles above Abiqui Dille from Oji Caliente. Altitude 7000 feet 500 lower than this. Trend of streams south of Russell Mt. very much liked by all and if any one recommended by him it would ensure his popularity he converts Aragon and Chavey and families & on Las Alamos and Sampan, strong in the faith yet so writes Chavey. About 50 whites in Tierra A. neighborhood a few have families. All that section of country including Tierra A. stream and its 4 plazas belongs to one Mexican not to the actual

resident.

church there not occupied by priest, key in hands of people. Some disaffection between owner and priest. Small pox through New Mexico also at Conejos.

I am badly worn with over study and look to the drive to refresh me. Circumstances for my leaving for trip never so favorable this year as now, only fear for too early confinement of Mrs. Darley but November 14th will let me back 5 days before earliest regular expectancy. I'll have "Frank" buckboard and harness all in first class trim. I think I'll buy another pair so as to be warm about feet as the buckboard is open. I will only carry grain and my valise, I do not see need of your spending money for extra horse, let "Frank" reciprocate your gift of him to me. On horse will cost less for feed than two. I leave here God willing Monday Oct. 29th write me immediately on receipt of this. Bring your overshoes with you. Stern has been through this country. Geo. had two feet of snow last trip from Guray but expect fine weather now all through till January. I'm glad Presbytery recommended me again to board.

Yours fraternally,

A. K. Darley

P. S. I may leave Rev. Geo. Smith with me of Canonto Barland. Smith has been helping Geo. Darley, he preached there last Sabbath and at

Princeton, New Jersey  
Oct. 24, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Dear Brother,

I am interested in the West and think of settling there when I graduate from here next spring. There is one point I am not acquainted with and I would be obliged to you if you would inform me about it. If I should settle in a place where there is only a Mission church or small organization, what amount of money could I depend on permanently? Please do not misunderstand me, I am willing to work in any place where there is a chance that a church can be built up. I would take a small organization in a town of three thousand inhabitants or more and work hard to build up a church. If I can have plenty of people to work with and a fair prospect that I can accomplish something, I am willing to take any field and work for Christ, but before I undertake such an enterprise I like to know just what I may expect. If you would like to know more of me I can refer you to Dr. McGill of the seminary or to some of my friends near you Rev. W. N. Deems of Longmont, or Rev. P. G. McFie of Salt Lake.

Any information you may think of value will be gladly received by myself and my relatives who is also thinking of going West.

Sincerely Yours,  
Geo. W. Callagher

Lake City, Col.  
Oct. 25, 1877

Rev. Ebediah Jackson:

Dear Sir:

Your letter with the letter of the ladies of Pikeville was received and since, the \$15. We were very grateful for it. We purchased flour with it, which now is \$6 per 50 lb. weight but will soon be \$8 or \$9. The church in Oursay is finished and was dedicated free of debt on the 7th of October. Rev. Smith of Canon went over with Mr. Darley and assisted in the dedication. Mr. Smith is pleased with the place and talked of going there. He will see you when you arrive in Denver. In returning they came in a severe snowstorm. Snow under foot being 4 or 5 feet deep on the range and snowing very hard overhead. Mr. Smith's feet became sore after traveling 4 or 5 miles and he was obliged to ride and Mr. Darley walked the remaining 25 miles. This season has been one of severe fall. Twice I have thought Mr. Darley would be obliged to give up the Oursay church. In regard to the salary voted by the board to Mr. Darley, I will say that it is justice. It will be an utter impossibility for us to meet our yearly expenses, for the remainder I shall trust in the Lord, through your kindness and interest which you have always shown in the west and in our welfare. We have now the church in Lake City to ourselves. The house is well filled being occupied by the evening. We hope to see great good done for the Master. Mr. Darley will write us soon as he returns from the west. They intend selling their gear and putting a five in the road-house. Mr. S. occupied the pulpit last sabbath. The people at Lake City are very anxious to have preaching there this winter. There will be 4 or 5 hundred people there this season.

Respectfully Yours,  
Mrs. Darley

Monument, Col.  
Oct. 25, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Col.

Dear Sir:

Mother received your kind favor of recent date and we are all much encouraged by it. Permit me briefly to set forth several considerations in addition to what she wrote. The Baptist have a church here, barely alive, not a single member in the village or nearer than one and one half miles distant.

The Methodists are an entirely feeble and only one member in the village. These two denominations have worked here for sometime but with small success so far.

The Presbyterians and Congregationalists number in the village 12, with several outside and considerable promising material that I think could be worked in soon. These 12 number the majority or nearly all the people of social and religious influence in the village and the Congregationalists will all work with our church if we can do anything.

Monument, after several years of no growth has commenced apparently a new period of growth and activity. There are now 2 stores in the place and another large one to be started in the spring, I am credibly informed. One cheese factory manufacturing the milk of 700 cows has been in full operation this season near the place, and another is to be started this coming season right in the village. I do not anticipate any rapid growth but think we have a steady and substantial growth to look forward to.

This village ought to be taken charge of now by our church. In point of numbers and influence we have an undoubted advantage over any other. We Presbyterians are really running the Union S.S. here. The Supt. and teachers are Presbyterians except one lady teacher a Congregationalist. There are 5 good outlying preaching points which a live energetic young man could fill afternoons and evenings or half of his sabbath if desired. There can you find a more profitable opening for a Home Missionary?

We will do all we can toward the support of a minister. I should judge perhaps could raise two to three hundred the first year possibly more, much would depend on the man of course.

Either the Methodists or Baptists have a man living in the place at present (A minister I mean)

Of course an old Fagg could not do anything here, we must have a man of some talent and social qualities to unite the elements here as well as of piety.

Yours Truly,

A. T. Blakely

P.S. Mother and wife send regards



Santa Fe, N. M.  
Oct. 26, 1877

Dear Friends:

I will stop eating long enough to write you. I have gained wonderfully fast in health within the last two weeks. Appetite seems to be a permanent fixture. I happened to leave the duplicate check in my pocketbook, hence send it endorsed. If this is not right please let me know.

From the present indications I will be able to begin services in one or two Mexican houses in a few days. I have been invited to the house of an influential Mexican, who with his family are reading the Bible and care nothing for the priest. My work is very much more encouraging than ever before. Several have come to me for books, and to invite me to their houses. This week I fear I shall not be able to visit all the places I have promised, as I have spent this afternoon helping organize a society in the church.

Miss Spence of Logansport writes me that she will come and keep house for me, and as boarding is out of the question and I find that her coming will not make expenses any more than mine would be at the hotel, I am very anxious to have her come at once, so that I may give all the time possible to the work and to study. Mrs. Palmer is very kind to keep Lilly with her children while I am out, but as her stay is uncertain I am the more desirous to have Miss S. come immediately. Will you please send her a half fare ticket by way of the Atchison Topeka and Kansas P.R. with instructions to come by Garland, as there is a stage route from there, much cheaper than by way of El Moro.

Please direct to Miss May Spence, Care Mr. Henderson, Logansport, Ia.

The Congregation have decided to keep Fr. Smith another year. He has turned the Sunday School over to me, why I do not understand, but I meekly took charge. I believe I will try to gather in Mexicans I am anxious to get Spanish singing books with written music accompanying the words. I find the natives are very willing to come and sing with me. I shall also have to teach a class of women every day. I find some new additions to those who wish to come and learn.

Will you please let me know if you send the ticket to Miss S.

Yours in the Work,  
H. E. Griffith

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To the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

In accordance with the recommendations of the Synod of New Jersey Oct. 1876 a meeting of christian women was held in the interests of Home Missions Oct. 18, 1877 in the lecture-room of the third Presbyterian church, Newark, New Jersey (Dr. Caven's) Delegates from within the bounds of seven Presbyterian churches were present. After hearing a report of the little which had been reported at headquarters as done for Home Missions by the women of New Jersey, belonging to Presbyterian churches, viz. about \$500 in value of boxes, and \$1000 in cash, the convention listened to a very instructive address from the Rev. W. C. Roberts, D. D. a member of the board, who gave much of the practical information needed as to the constitution and policy of the Home Board, and of the way in which woman's work for Christ, in the line of our own country, can be turned to best effect.

The preamble and resolutions subjoined were then adopted, which were received and approved by the synod of New Jersey at its session in Newark, Oct. 19, 1877.

It seems necessary to trouble the Board of Home Missions with them also, in order, that if the plans meet with its sanction the secretaries may know the names of those appointed to be "a medium of communication" between them, and the women of the Presbyterian churches in New Jersey.

Copy of preamble and resolutions.

"In view of the action of the general assembly, (see minutes for 1876, page 141) recommending each synod to appoint annually a committee of women to be called the "Synodical Committee for Woman's work in Home Missions" to be a medium of communication between local societies and the home board, and who with consultation with the pastor and elders, shall have oversight of the work in their respective synods " which action in modified form, was confirmed by the synod of New Jersey in Oct. 1876 (see minutes, page 26, resolutions 3rd, 4th, 5th, 26th, ) Also in view of the fact that the standing Committee of the Assembly on Home Missions, at its session, May, 1877 "emphasized the importance of every church being tributary to, and in harmony with the work of the session of the church, and finding its connection with the board, not in some outside auxiliary, but in those scriptural and sufficient units which, in here in the system of our church, the session, the Presbytery, the Synod, and the general Assembly".

Therefore.

Resolved-- That in the above action of the general Assembly of 1876, endorsed in effect by that synod of New Jersey, and virtually confirmed by the General Assembly of 1877, we note with gratitude to God, that an outward step has been taken toward a recognition of woman's work such as shall bring it into official relations to the regular work of the church; and thus tend to give it greater efficiency and permanence.

2nd. Resolved, That in accordance with the request of the synod, (see minutes page 26, No. 4) this convention reports to the synod the following names, being those of the ladies from each Presbytery, who shall, if approved, constitute together the "Synodical Committee", recommended by the General Assembly.

Presbytery

Mrs. O. E. Boyd, Fairway )  
Mrs. E. T. Haines Elizabeth ) Elizabeth

Mrs. Sarah Green, Tenafly )  
Mrs. Dr. H. C. Shelton, Jersey City ) Jersey City

Miss Mary Taylor, Burlington )  
Mrs. Everett, Passaic ) Passaic

Mrs. James P. Wilson, Newark )  
Mrs. Duncan Kennerly, Newark ) Newark

Mrs. Howell, Trenton )  
Mrs. Kane, Trenton ) New Brunswick

Mrs. Thos. McCauley, Hackensack )  
Mrs. Henry G. Spald, Harmony ) Boston

3th. Resolved, that the Presbyteries of Morris and of West Jersey be requested to appoint two ladies each, to serve as interim members of this Synodical Committee until the meeting Nov. 1900.

Of the above Synodical Committee Mrs. Thos. McCauley was named president, Mrs. O. E. Boyd, Elizabeth, recording secretary, and Mrs. E. T. Haines, Elizabeth, Cor. Sec.

Some official recognition on the part of the Board of Home Missions, of the above "Synodical Committee", would help very much to give it an introduction in the minds of our churches. Facts in detail as to the wants of the field, and the need of money to establish and maintain schools; or to supplement the salaries of our Home Missions will also be of essential aid. Circulars published by the Board can sometimes be used to advantage.

It is hoped that by the blessing of God on this new enterprise and co-operation and progress, it will be carried on with prayer, and faith, and personal cooperation, and that may follow to the glory of His name.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. T. Haines

Cor. Secretary

Elizabeth, N. J.  
Oct. 29, 1899



Lake City, Col.  
Oct. 30, 1877

Dear Brother:

I take this opportunity of informing you that the Gurvey church is finished and dedicated free from debt, except the \$287 taken from the board of church erection. The Gurvey church was completed and dedicated in just 43 days from the time I raised the first acillar.

It has cost me considerable money and some pretty hard trips I have had seven round trips crossing the range eleven times and three times by the road. The last trip was interesting as it started all the way when we were on the homeward road by the time the snow got to be 3 to 5 feet deep Brother Smith looked quite sober.

With this mail I will send you some views of Gurvey and its vicinity, also the church is in one of the views, you will easily recognize it.

The N. W. Brethren have gone off by themselves. But I am pleased to say that it makes no difference in my cooperation. I preached twice last Sabbath, and God willing I expect to every Sabbath.

I hope that something will soon be done in regard to my salary my tools are nearly gone, and I received \$173 from an estate of mother's brother and were I get little of that left, yet I feel a satisfaction in knowing that the work has been done on the field and that there is a house dedicated to the worship of the living God in Gurvey; and I pray God that his richest blessings may rest upon it.

Yours in the one hope,

Geo. M. Farley

M. S. Mrs. Farley sends best regards. Please do what you can to hurry up the \$287 for Gurvey church.

G. M. F.

Washington, D. C.  
Oct. 31, 1877

My dear Dr:

A letter which I have lately received from Dr. Landerdale and one today from Gen. Hatch tells me that you are back to Denver. Dr. L's letter told me of your turning back from Blue Water but nothing more, and Gen. Hatch just said you were in Denver, so I judge your trip at an end. I did not answer your letter immediately, judging that you would be absent about Wingate, defiance, and other at least six weeks. I am very sorry indeed that your plans should have come to naught and the light in which Dr. L. put that affair at Wingate renders it a most dispicable proceeding on the part of

the officer in command.

Gen. Hatch wrote me in regard to the Navajo deers. I told him to express it here C.O.B. if you had not already taken it. What will you do about pottery. If you are here now, I presume you will be coming on here so soon that if you have advanced any money on purchases, it will be time enough to give it to you then. If you come here I hope that Mrs. Jackson and myself will have you for a guest for a little while at least.

Kindest regards to Mrs. Jackson and the children.

Yours Sincerely,  
E. H. Jackson

Fairplay, Col.  
Oct. 31, 1877

Dr. Jackson:

Dear Brother;

Yours of the 29th came this morning, glad to hear from you and from my sister in the letter which you kindly forwarded.

Yes, my sister is ready and seems glad at the prospect of laboring with me. And I am ready for it is now certain that I must leave this place on account of my health and that too, very shortly or I fear my labors will be at an end forever. I had a rough trip from Denver but felt pretty well for a day or two afterwards, but for the last week I have been very weak and almost prostrate at times with nervousness and biliousness.

I found the church at Fairplay in as bad a plight as I had feared. Not 12 hours after my arrival Mr. McLaughlin my elder and his wife my organist and main dependence for work has asked for and obtained their letters. He also withdraws his financial aid. Next day my S.S. seemed rather demoralized and in the evening had a congregation of two, but after everything had caved in flat and we had time to look around a little we found that the case was not hopeless after all. Last Sabbath though our S. S. was not very large we had quite an accession of new scholars and everything went off orderly and satisfactorily without the Mc's. Mrs. Mc. seems only to have taken her letter out of sympathy with her husband, and she assures me that she intends to go to S. S. still, and probably church. Her uncle also, a pious man and liberal Methodist, has just come from Oregon to live with her and he will take the bible class and when I am gone will make a good superintendant. I forgot to state, that also on the evening of last Sabbath, though a very stormy evening, I had as poor a congregation as I have averaged in the last

two months. Today we were drawn together and our hearts were melted into sympathy at the grave of a dear young member and Sunday School scholar, Lettie Willey. The house was crowded beyond its sitting capacity, the first time I have seen the sight.

Last Sabbath we held communion and baptismal service at Alma. It was a stormy day but more were out than usual. Several who had given no reason to believe they would join, held back to the last and said "Not now". But we received two on profession and two by letter. Mrs. Coley and her four children were baptized. I think the service was profitable, both to those who partook and those who witnessed. My members at Alma are whole souled and independent workers, and they can be left alone for a little while without serious damage to our interests there. I really think that a little rest would do the F. Church good just now. I have measured the Methodist man here and I have not found him very tall. It is my opinion that he will have spent himself before you can get another man in here unless you send him very quick.

The M. E. Ch. rejected my proposition to alternate in morning and evening service. I had a chance today at the funeral to show them and the people what ministerial manners and magnanimity was in the Presbyterian Church, and I think they were able to note the difference. If my health rallies sufficiently by next week I want to make a visit of some weeks to the South Ark. district and so put in the present quarters up to the 10th of Dec. If it should seem that I am past work you may look for me at Denver almost any time. If the Board would consider it all the same, if the S. Ark. field should "pan out" well, and if my physical frame should grow into good working order in that region, then I might stay there until arrangements can be made for my entering upon my new field. Otherwise I must spend the meantime in Denver or the East. I have thought about the 17th St. church if it should seem well for me to supply there for a little while. It is certain that I cannot stand it here a week longer without great risk.

As to the field where sister and I should enter upon our united labors, you advise Utah, and Utah I prefer. I am afraid I will not last long enough to justify me in undertaking a new language. Sister leaves the choosing of the field to me and I feel like leaving it very largely to you, though I would like some description of those now open. What time do you desire us to enter upon our united work? If the board could advance sister money enough to reach the field, I know she needs it.

Address me still at Fairplay until otherwise directed.

With kind regards to you and yours, I am

Your Brother in Christ,  
M. P. Welsh

Allegheny, Pa.  
Nov. 1, 1877

Rev Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

Sometime ago I got a few young ladies to organize into a Home Mission band, so far we have ten members and the contribution are very small, but still we are not discouraged. We have given five dollars to help one of the churches in the country that was in debt. You will pardon me for taking the liberty of writing you but as we are not able to either give or do very much, I thought you might give us some idea, as to what use we had better make of what little we can raise from time to time, the girls thought they would like to get up a box for some missionary out West, so if you know of anything we can do, I would be glad to hear from you as soon as possible, for it is very hard to keep up the interest in the meeting.

The name is Fulton Home Mission band, it meets at my house No. 23 Market St., Allegheny.

Respectfully,

Mrs. A. W. Reno

West Las Animas, Col.  
Nov. 1, 1877

Dear Brother Jackson;

I have just returned home after an absence of some days, and find your three communications awaiting me. It will be no inconvenience to postpone the organization of the church at Granada till the evening of the 14th. And I would rather prefer to do so, as Brother Solm has written me that he cannot be present to take part if it is not absolutely necessary.

Please come prepared to preach on the occasion. Wife and I will meet you on the train, and visit going and coming, as you cannot stop with us a day.

I will write Brother Solm that you will be present on the occasion, and if he cannot come down without inconvenience he may be excused.

Wife joins me in kind regards to yourself and family.

Your Brother in Christ,  
J. L. Herritt

Evanston, Wyoming T.  
Nov. 3, 1877

Dear Brother Jackson;

Brother Bird writes me from American Fork, that he is about to organize a church at that point of four members and asked whether it would be necessary to have a meeting of the Presbytery called. I am much pleased with his prospects. They are for the present renting a building to hold services in but can secure some \$300. I think it would be well to have called a meeting of Presbytery and appoint a Presbyterian Committee to organize churches within bounds of our Presbytery.

Can you meet us at Ogden soon? Please let me hear from you immediately, if you can come please let me know when, and I will call a meeting accordingly.

Yours in the Gospel,

F. L. Arnold

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Lake City, Col.

Nov. 3, 1877

Dear Brother:

Your welcome letter of the 29th received and at your request I have hastily written an account of the dedication of the Ouray church, and such items as I thought might be of interest to the Presbyterians who reads your valuable paper.

I wrote you in a letter the number of times I had crossed the range, eleven in all, and three times by the road, making seven round trips. The last trip I presume Brother Smith will tell you about. He is a larger man than you are but he lacks the grit that you possess.

I am encouraged by your letters and I sincerely hope that the Home Board will grant the \$200. But should they see proper to withdraw the granting of it, I shall do as I have always done, and that is the very best that I can. Through your kindness we have received of late \$15 from one society and \$10 from another, and after all I feel that I am treated better than I deserve, and that God has been good to me the desire that I have to labor for him and the success among the people with whom I have labored, and although the work has at times been very hard the rest will be all the sweeter by and by. Mrs Darley sends regards.

Yours in Christ,

George M. Darley

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My wife says she is ready for that 1000 mile ride on a buck-board down into New Mexico next winter. Please look up her sister and her sister's husband now in Denver, Mr. and Mrs. Gridley of Buffalo, N. Y.

Yours Truly,  
H. Kendall

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Steubenville, O.  
Nov. 5, 1899

Rev. Sheldon Jackson;  
Dear Brother:

I send you as requested the report of our Synodical committee on Home Missions. We have no Synodical Women's Missionary Society. We have however Presbyterian Societies in the Ladies Department of the work. The ladies society for the Presbytery of Steubenville meets in my church on next Thursday. (The old Presbyterian church of Steubenville) Mrs. Dr. W. M. Grimes is Pres. Steub. O., Mrs. Lura J. Robertson, is a corresponding secretary. Same address.

Our synod meets next year at St. Clairsville O. on Friday after the second Tuesday of October.

Very Truly Yours,  
T. V. Milligan

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New York  
Nov. 9, 1899

Rev. J. G. Tidball  
Dear Brother:

Your favour of the 2nd inst. was received this morning.

So far as I know there is no Alaska Indian Agency, none is reported in the last Government Report.

At any rate no such agency is on the list of the Agencies tendered to our board for the nomination of their Agents, and on this list now of six there is no vacancy.

Yours Very Truly,  
John D. Lowrie

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American Fork, Utah  
Nov. 9, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.  
Denver.

Dear Sir:

Have you any numbers of the R. M. Presby-  
ter to spare for this mission field, we could do with a few  
very well.

Have been here a little over two months and the work opens  
well. Can organize a church here with a small membership,  
have three more and the probability of several more. They are  
asking for a day school and to meet. the want I have bought a  
piece of land on Main st. with a frame building upon it,  
20 by 40, this is to fitted up for a church and school and  
the total cost including stove, seats, and lights amount to  
\$750. Can raise ably \$350 or \$400 on the field and with the  
organization above mentioned can raise \$350 from the board  
of erection. There are three towns within a radius of three  
miles of this place and I intend launching out to work in  
them as soon as I have things started here. Have written to  
Rev. Arnold of Evanston about a meeting of the Presbytery  
in order to effect the organization and he has replied that  
he awaits a communication from you. I want to get the matter  
arranged speedily so as to make the application to the board  
of erection through the Presbytery and have the money to meet  
the expenses due next January. It is desirable that the build-  
ing be ready for school use by then.

If strength and time permit I hope to visit Bingham and Alta  
occasionally. My niece and other ministers from the city pay  
visits to the camps now and then and so they are not without  
the means of grace if the people wish to avail themselves.  
I have a hall rented until 31st of January the property of  
Lorrans and fitted up as a theatre. An encouraging number  
attends meeting and last sabbath our school rose to 78.  
It has been on the steady increase since the start. We com-  
menced with ten scholars.

If you know of anyone who wants to help out a struggling  
mission by the gift of a small chapel bell will you kindly  
refer the party to me and I believe I can tell him enough  
to stir his latent generosity.

Hoping to see you soon or some day.

Very Sincerely Yours,  
Geo. B. Bird

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Santa Fe, New Mexico  
Nov. 10, 1877

To the Hon. Commissioner of Indians Affairs at Washington, D. C.

Hon. and Dear Sir:

The Presbytery of Santa Fe, which in the distribution of the Indians tribes among the various denominations, has ecclesiastical jurisdiction over the Moquis, Navajos, Pueblo Indians, and the Abiqui, Mescalers Apache, and the Southern Apache agencies, respectfully represent to the Department that the Presbytery feels a deep interest in the successful working of your plans to educate and civilize these several tribes.

It also rejoices to be able to inform you that this Presbytery has so increased in strength and numbers that it is in a better condition than ever before to cooperate with you in this good work.

The Presbytery begs leave to suggest that if it is in your power to appoint a Superintendent of Indian Schools in New Mexico, whose duty it shall be to assist the Agents in procuring competent teachers, to consult with the agents as to improved school facilities, to visit the schools and consult with the teachers, such an appointee might, in the judgement of this body increase a hundred fold the efficiency of your educational work among the tribes here.

The Presbytery respectfully suggests the name of Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D. Superintendent of Presbyterian Missions for New Mexico and other territories, as one who is competent and willing to do such work without compensation. The Presbytery believes that the appointment indicated would receive the cordial approval of the several agents concerned.

By the order of the Presbytery of Santa Fe.

(Signed) James H. Roberts  
Moderator.

(Signed) John A. Annin  
Stated Clerk.

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Santa Fe, New Mexico  
Nov. 10, 1877

To the Hon. Commissioner of Indians Affairs at Washington, D. C.

Hon. and Dear Sir:

The Presbytery of Santa Fe, in annual Session at Taas, New Mexico, on the 9th and 10th days of November 1877, respectfully represent that the Navajo Indians are, by the action of the Department which placed them under the Presbyterian denomination, under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of this body; and, whereas, owing to the pending change of Agents at that reservation there is no one now in charge of the Agency that is disposed to recommend to the Department the

appointment of a "Teacher", this Presbytery would recommend Alex M. Darley as a suitable person to perform the function of that office, and believe that the appointment, if made, will meet the approval of what ever Agent may be appointed. By order of the Presbytery of Santa Fe.

James M. Roberts, Moderator  
John A. Annin, Stated Clerk

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Fort Wrangell, Alaska  
Nov. 10, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Dear Brother:

As the steamer is expected on the 12th I am admonished that I should commence my letter writing. My hands are so full and I feel so exhausted often when evening comes that it is an effort for me to write. Philip is still sick but seems to be improvong slowly. I found him sitting up today, when I went to see him, he is so emaciated. He looks very badly but is quite cheerful. I asked him if he did not feel more encouraged about tgetting well. He said, "I don't know if Jesus make my wind strong, all right me get up me preach, Jesus make my wind (breath) stop all right me die". There has been a Doctor here from up the country for two or three weeks and Mr. Vanderbilt insisted upon me having him attend Philip, I think he has done him some good. He examined his lungs, he says his left lung is almost gone but his right one is pretty good. I expect there will be quite a Doctor bill to pay. I hope the Lord will send us lots of money soon to pay up all these things. I have three other sick ones on my hands besides Philip. The boys from Fort Simpson have all gone home but one, and I am glad of it. I kept Andrew to do the preaching until Philip gets better. I feel so anxious for a minister to come for many reasons. One reason is there are some young Indians here that want to get married very much, and I am hopeful that some of the white men would marry the girls they are living with if there was a minister here. An djust as soon as that is commenced it is going to make a great change here. I had a letter from Mr. Crosby last week. He sent the church certificate for Philip and his wife, for they belong to us now. He expressed a great deal of interest in the work here, but said nothing about coming up. I think Philip was mistaken about what he wrote him. Mrs Dickerson's husband has come home, but I guess he is not of much account. The Indians say he is "Cultus man". She is very zealous and very faithful to come to school every day, but it is very hard for her to learn. I had a Hyda man come into school today, he looks to

about 45 years old. He says he came here to go to school so he can go back and teach the other Hyda Indians. The poor man did not know the first letter of the alphabet.

Yesterday I had a chief by the name of Hotchcore come into school. He said he was from Buffalo Island and wanted to talk to me, he had Mrs. Dickerson to interpret for him. He was a remarkably fine looking man and I just thought if the christian people in the east who have abundant means could have seen that noble looking man as he stood there with tears running down his face, and heard what he said. That there would be no lack of money to support all the missionaries in Alaska, that are needed here. This was what he said, he laid his hand upon his heart and said, "Me much sick heart, you come teach all Stickeen Indians, all Hyda Indians, all Tongas Indians, about God. My people all darh heart, nobody tell them Jesus died, by and by all my people die, (pointing downward) go down down dark. He was completely overcome, Oh my heart ached, I tried to comfort him by telling him that before long we hoped to be able to send teachers and preachers to all these Indians. I hope you received the pictures safely. Mr. David sent them by one of the Victoria boats, he (Mr. D.) has given up that business and is now opening a little store, Mr. Vanderbilt I believe is helping him.

My sewing school is getting along nicely, and I hope is going to be productive of much good. The women and girls are all so pleased with the idea of coming to my house to work, and to have me assist them with their sewing. We take one verse of scripture and while we work I teach it to them and we talk about it and try to understand it. Besides this I try to give them right ideas about a great many other things. Then we close with singing and prayer. I would be glad if there was some person to take the school off my hands and let me devote more of my time to this kind of work. You know how much need there is of it. Then I cannot attend to the sick as I would like to. I think I am a very strong woman (physically) yet I have realized a great many times lately that I am not made of iron. Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt are very kind indeed, they were over to sit with me last night until bed time, she came over last Saturday and invited me to go and take dinner with them on Sabbath. I declined, told her I would come some Saturday. She is a member of Dr. Lindsley's church but her husband pays no regard to the sabbath whatever, indeed I have thought sometimes that Sabbath seemed to be his greatest day for doing business.

Nov. 13th

The California came in yesterday on time and has now gone to Sitka. I was very glad to receive your note and so thankfull for the \$150 enclosed. It is a great relief to get this and I thank you so much for your kind thoughtfulness. I will say nothing to Dr. Lindsley about getting this unless you should prefer I should do so. (I will explain why when I see

you) Perhaps you have written him that you sent it. He wrote me a hasty note by this mail, said the steamer was leaving sooner than he expected, he said he had returned you the \$50 you gave me. I was surprised when Mr. Vanderbilt came home and told me that he had not seen Dr. Lindsley, he was in Portland eleven days and it seems strange that Dr. Lindsley did not call on him to talk about the work here. Mr. V. and wife both thought strange of it, particularly as she was a member of his church.

Since writing the first two sheets of this letter there has been a circumstance taken place that I do not think amounts to much in itself (but among the superstitious Indians it has great weight) but it has brought some things to light that surprises me beyond measure. There is a young Indian here by the name of Johnson, he went with his father away some distance to chop wood. They were encamped, and it seemed he had a wonderful dream one night. He thinks it has been the means of his conversion. When he came home he met with the other Indians one night at Philip's room at class-meeting. There he told his dream, he dreamed he died and went to heaven, he stood outside the gate, and saw all the other school Indians come up and Philip among them, Philip attempted to go in but was prevented. The keeper said he, Philip, was a good man but that he had been living in sin, as he had never been married to his wife. This seems like a long story to tell about but I could not see how I could shorten it (I have only told a small part of the dream) It has made a deep impression on Philip, he seems quite troubled about it, and is exceedingly anxious for a minister to come so that they may get married. Now what surprises me so much is Mr. Crosby's way of doing things. He must have strange ideas when he know what a curse that particular sin to Fort Wrangell and yet would send Philip up here as a preacher and he living in that way.

When we have a church organized here I want the minister who ever he may be to receive none into the church unless they are willing to be married as christians are. Andrew the young man that stayed to preach was one of the ones that wanted to be married to one of my school girls. They were the couple that Mr. Hallery spoke to you about, he seemed so fond of the girl that he could not stay away from her, but just went to her father's house and stayed night and day. There was a good deal of talk about it, I was distressed and did not know what to do. I advised him to go home to Fort Simpson and take Maggie with him and have Mr. Crosby marry them. He did not have enough money to take them both by steamer besides her father and mother were not willing to have her go to Fort Simpson. The only thing left was to take the old people with them, so I suggested that they would take the old people with them and after they got married they could come back if they thought best. So I got them all off yesterday in a canoe. Did I do right?

Now doctor I fear I tire you with these long letters, there are so many things that are so intensely interesting to me that I think they will be to you. At the same time I know you are engaged about other work that I ought not to take so much of your time, so I will not feel at all hurt if you say please shorten your letters a little.

I received a very nice letter this mail from Mrs. Mattie J. Work of Bardolph, Ill. I knew her very well when she was a young lady. My dear husband and I have visited at her father's house. I had lost sight of her and she of me until she saw some of your letters in reference to the work here. She is married and living in the above place, is secretary of the Ladies Missionary Society said they had just sent \$10 to Dr. Kendall for our work.

Now my dear brother I am in perplexity for certain. When I came to examine this check you sent me I find you did not endorse it. I went to see Mr. Vanderbilt about it, and he says the only thing I can do is to send it back to you for endorsement. I am so sorry about it for I felt it was going to be such a relief to me. I saw Mr. Vanderbilt was quite disappointed about it for he would have gotten the most of it if it had been all right. If I knew your address in the east I would send this letter direct to you, but as I do not I must send it direct to Denver. I hope to get a longer letter from you by next mail. I hope there is not going to be any trouble about my commission. It seems a long time being decided. I am not going to worry about it nor regret my coming here without it, for if I had waited in Portland until I received it, this field would have been lost to us and I believe lost to christianity. There just when I am on the last page I have been so unfortunate as to turn over my ink bottle on a part of this letter, I hope you will be able to make it out and that you will excuse me for sending such a looking letter, but it is impossible for us to write it all over now my time is so limited.

Very Truly your sister in Christ,  
A. R. McFarland

Many many thanks for the packages of paper sent.  
Wednesday morning.

The steamer came in from Sitka about daylight this morning, and now I must write you another chapter. I have just had a visit from the newly appointed W. L. Collector of Customs for Sitka. He is now on his way back to San Francisco to his family. He is exceedingly anxious for our board to send teachers to Sitka. He held out every inducement for me to go. He said if I would apply to be transferred from here there, that in addition to what the board would pay me, he would pay me \$30 per month furnish me a good house and all my wood and oil. He says it would be necessary to have too, a teacher and an assistant and that if the board will send two he will pay each \$20 per month and what I have stated above. Of course I

do not want to go , but hope there will be two ladies found to go right away. He wants one of them to be able to teach his little girls music. If our church does not furnish him teachers some other church will. He seems very liberal and much interested in the work, I gave him a note to Dr. Lindsley He also says he will furnish a good school room and traveling expenses shall not cost anything from Portland.

A. F. M.

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Taos, New Mexico

Nov. 10, 1877

Rev. Jno. C. Lowrie, D.D. Sec'y of the Bd. of F. M.

Dear Brother:

The Presbytery of Santa Fe in session at Taos, New Mexico, Nov. 9th and 10th respectfully represent to the Board of Foreign Missions, that it has recommended to the Home Board a Missionary for the Navajo Indians.

And also beg leave to state that the Home Board having undertaken with vigor the work of Evangelization in this territory, it has placed all the work within the bounds of this Presbytery, among both Mexicans and Indians under the care of that Board.

Very Fraternaly and Respectfully Yours,

J. M. Roberts, Moderator

J. A. Annin, Stated Clerk

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Santa Fe, New Mexico

Nov. 12, 1877

Dear Mrs. Jackson:

Now that I am in the midst of work I begin to cry for help. I have started an evening school for men and boys and as books are not plentiful I thought perhaps you could find three or four second hand Arithmetics, "Davies Third Part" and as I told you Mr. Smith had turned the Sunday school over to me I am trying to make special inducement to gather in the children, therefore wish to give tickets for attendance, but cannot get them here. If you will send me a p'kg or two I will send the money in one or two more Sabbaths I wish also to have a Christmas tree for my evening scholars as well as the Sunday school. If your Sunday school wish to help in this we will be very glad. Also if you have any second hand clothing among the ladies of the society, I will be glad to get it. Last week I carried some of Lilly's summer dresses



to a little girl who was almost naked. This evening I had nine pupils nearly all mine's books. If you can add a few of McGriffey's Eclectic Spelling books and some first readers. I do not care how much they have been used so the lessons are there. I would write home for books, but do not want to wait so long as I need them now, but I have promise of books and feel pretty certain that I shall need more, as the boys do not have an intense respect for the priests and very many of them work all day.

Mrs. Warner (a former teacher here has given me a blackboard eight maps and as many desks. Two boys are waiting to carry my letter, as they are all anxious about the books and two of them are in the S.S. since I began evening school.

Yours in haste,

M. F. Griffith

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Colorado Springs, Col.

Nov. 13, 1877

Dear Brother Jackson:

What can we do for Monument and Fountain?

It is physically more than I can do to preach two new sermons every Sabbath here and also supply the above places during the week. There is no use of my trying to supply them. I hoped Brother Brown could preach to them every sabbath alternating but he tried it once and came home having completely broken down again. I shall not encourage him to preach anywhere regularly till next May or June. He and I were at Monument last Thursday, and we were delighted with a prospect of having regular services. There are 12 Presbyterian and Congregationalist living in Monument and the poll list reports 121 votes at the place last election.

Now they say if we Presbyterians can not supply them this winter they will apply to the Congregational church and if supplied go Congregationalists. If we lose these two places there is not another of importance in the county for us to occupy. Why cannot the board do something for these points as it has done for Valmont or Idaho? I regard Monument as a strong point.

The Cogregalists are trying to occupy the county outside of Colorado Springs, and they will supply these places in part from their Academy professors or President (?) when he arrives if we abandon them a few months longer. We must do something for them immediately or I must tell them candidly that I abandon the field and they must look elsewhere for preaching. There is a Rev? Shaiffer from near Pittsburgh who expects to spend four or five weeks here. He writes me that he will preach for some vacant field while here, and I expect to

send him to M. provided he does not refuse to go. They can pay about \$4.00 a Sabbath. And I do not know of any place that promises so well. Blachley his wife and mother and some others, are all active workers. The Methodists are doing nothing and the Baptists have no members near enough to attend service or S.S.

Blachly says the Baptists want to sell their house at M. and the Presbyterians could buy it cheap. We can take the whole place now or the Congregalists will have it before New Years Please write me by return mail what can be done. I think I can hold the fields till New Years but I will not promise to keep them supplied longer

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Mr. Gridley has already gone to Cal. Find two letters at least in Denver Post Office for him and redirect to San Francisco care of Rev. A. W. Soomis, D.D. 713 Bush St.

Glad to hear that D. is better, poor child she has had a severe time.

Tell me who those lady teachers are when you send them and how they are supported, tell me at once if possible before our meeting the 26th inst.

Yours Truly,  
E. Kendall

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American Fork, Utah  
Nov. 15, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.  
Denver, Col.

Dear Brother:

I have good hopes of starting two schools in this neighbour shortly. Have written to Dr. Kendall about the support. One school will be in American Fork, the other in BattleCreek. Have two teachers in view who will come if the Board will grant more commissions. Can you secure for these teachers half fare rates over the U. P. R.R. I believe other teachers coming west for the work have been thus favored. If this is possible for our field can you forward a recommendation to Mr. Kendall of Omaha as soon as I know definitely of the need of the passes. I will send their names as soon as I know they are commissioned. Received your R. M. Presbyter for November and am very much obliged. There is a

little mistake in the notice you gave of my doings. The "com-  
modeon hall" is in American Fork and not at Sandy. Things are  
so dull at Sandy that I have not opened work there yet. Am  
altogether engaged here. We are building a chapel 20 by 40  
and it takes sometime to hunt up funds.

Very Truly Yours,  
Geo. R. Bird

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Mt. Pleasant, Utah  
Nov. 15, 1877

Dear Brother Jackson:

I received a letter from you two weeks ago on the eve of leaving home. I have just returned. I will answer your questions briefly this morning and write more fully again.

Miss Snow is teaching in Mt Pleasant, Miss Maria Fishback is teaching in Ephraim, Brother Jo. and his wife have a large and growing school and Sabbath school at Manti, Brother will preach at Manti and Ephraim this winter in addition to his teaching.

Miss Phebe H. Wheeler is teaching at Monroe

Mrs. Anna A. Fraser " " " Payson

Miss Anna Noble " " " Springville.

We have a large and flourishing Sabbath school at American Fork, Springville, Payson, Mt Pleasant, and Manti., and praise-meetings at Ephraim and Monroe (which are sabbath school in embryo).

We have built at Monroe, we have an excellent hall at Manti, at Ephraim we have fitted up an old building for present use, at Payson we have the control of a large hall, at Springville we have bought a beautiful lot and hope to build soon. One reason I did not build at Ephrsin is that Leonard needed help before he could do anything. I spent \$284 in the purchase of the lot at Springville and the rent and furniture of the hall at Payson.

Bird is ready to organize at American Fork with five members. He needs help in building: The liberals will do much there and at Springville, but we will have to bear half of the expenses of building in each place.

I could use four other teachers at once if they could be supported. I have one teacher now working on faith for whom there must be a salary raised. If my brother were not my brother I would ask if he could not be provided for as students of Theology engaged in preaching usually are.

I think you have accounts mixed. How much am I owing you?  
Love to all.

Yours,  
D. J. McMillan

P.S. I don't think I spoiled a first class builder to make a poor preacher. I am rapidly acquiring an enviable reputation as a plasterer and adobe layer as well as "ood butcher".

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23 Centre St. New York  
Nov. 16, 1877

Dear Sir:

As soon as possible we want your own and a full statement about the Presbytery at Taos, particularly about Conejos for Sagre, and Tierra Amarilla for Darley. What did you find? (2) Tell all you know of the present status of school teachers and houses wanted in Utah including Midball. With these and your Alaska report, I want to get out a circular. I shall write you as soon as I can about our meeting 27th inst.

would it be best to send Sagre or Darley before spring?

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall

P. S. Give us also the exact status of the church property at Boise.

Somebody wants to hire the house for a school

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Prescott, Arizona  
Nov. 16, 1877

Dear Dr. Jackson:

I am glad to hear that you are coming our way next spring, for we expect to have our new church ready for you to dedicate. I have been out getting pledges and have received about \$3000. We expect \$1000 from the board besides.

The trustees will meet next week, and make the contract, though the brick work cannot be done this fall. The subscriptions are payable in three installments, Dec. 1st, 1877, March 1st, 1878, and May 1st, 1878. If times had not been so very hard we could easily have obtained twice that amount.

There was nothing raised in this section of Arizona last year on account of the dry weather.

The Roman Catholics have a paper, they are going to build a church but are not succeeding, though will get means from abroad and go ahead. I think a course of six or eight lectures will fix them after a little.

The two Methodist churches are working up a little. A new man T. R. Curtis has just taken charge of the N. E. Smith church.

They have a small building.

The Home board offered us a box of clothing last summer while I was in Santa Fe. My wife wrote back that we were well supplied. It would not pay to ship clothing here when freight is fifteen cents a pound from the east.

My wife and I subscribed \$100 to the church fund, that with my expense last summer going to Santa Fe brings us to bed rock again, but we will come out all right in the spring. So with thanks for your kind offer we must again decline.

Florence is the coming place, we must visit that place if we make the trip you propose. I would be very glad to accompany you. Can you not arrange so as to be here about May 1st?

Our church services are largely attended, many go away for want of room every sabbath evening. Two soldiers from Whipple took a stand on the Lord's side at our last prayer meeting.

Mrs. M. and Charlie (age 6 months) send kind regards and wish yourself and Mrs. Jackson a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Affectionately Yours,  
J. A. Merrill

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Idaho Springs, Col.  
Nov. 17, 1877

Dr. Jackson

Dear Sir:

Mr. Welsh called on me yesterday. He is to preach this evening, as there is no other service today he will probably have a good audience.

Hope we will have a man before long who is not sick or infirm, but can take hold in the right way and do people good.

There are so few of us Presbyterians and so many Methodists

it is best for us to work in harmony, for a christian spirit shown by one denomination to the other will produce more good among the non-members of any church and tend to build us up better and stronger. We have objection at present to have a man

with Black Hawk. He taking one Sunday there and one here, though after Mr. Thackary leaves there will be no Methodist

minister living here and then he can occupy the whole time and produce no hard feeling. How is Mr. W. to be supported?

I have despaired of raising anything in this town, they take all they can get but give little in return. Have not succeeded in raising anything for Mr. Johnson, though some of the ladies I suppose tried awhile ago, at least, they sent to me to help and I have done what I could.

Respectfully Yours,

W. A. Peck

C. E.

Idaho Springs, Col.  
Nov. 19, 1877

Dr. Jackson

Dear Brother:

I arrived all right about ten o'clock on Friday night and put up at the Bebee house. Saturday morning I got out in time to see Brother Johnson before he started to Central and had a brief interview with him, in regard to the state of the church &c. Also saw Brother Peck our elder, and Brothers Thackary and Newman of the Methodist church. The Methodists had an appointment for quarterly meetings, but had deferred it and Brother Thackary had appointments morning and evening for the day. But he became unwell and was looking round for someone to take his place when he heard of my arrival. So I made an appointment for sabbath evening and left Dr. Newman to take the morning if he chose. But Dr. Newman had brought no sermons with him from the east and so the morning was left vacant. I have made an appointment for next sabbath evening and propose occupying that time and giving one sermon a week while I stay. My congregation last night was I may safely say 75. S.S. at 3. P. M. between 30 and 40. The Episcopalians have S.S. at the same time.

Of course I can only see the outside of things yet; see nothing the way of us preversing our rights and diginty and yet having the cooperation of the Methodists.

Dr. Newman (your old prof.) talks in a very magnanimous tone. He expressed a desire that his people might unite with us in maintaining Presbyterian service said that something more was needed than mere jaxtapovitism in order to be efficient in christian work but, he added, that is all it seems to be now. It does seem to me if they had the permanent services of a Presbyterian minister of medium ability we could win the whole field almost without a struggle, but I may be too sanguine. I hope that if I remain here many weeks the board will give me some guarantee of support. My board at Mr. Elliott's is \$8. 90 almost \$2 more than at Denver.

The church will do something by the way of weekly collections not much I think. Mr. Johnson has been moving his things and will take his family today.

Snow lay three inches yesterday morning, plenty of dry ground to walk on now and the sun glorious.

Yours in Christ,  
E. P. Welsh

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Longmont, Col.  
Nov. 19, 1877

Dear Doctor:

Your postal finds me sick, threatened with mountain fever. I am able to sit up today and hope to be out tomorrow. My people are taking excellent care of me, they are as good and kind as they can be.

Mr. Gallagher is a man about thirty years of age. I knew him and seminary. He has always had the reputation of being very eccentric. His mental ability and spirituality have never been questioned. I think he is fitted for the work out here in every way except in this one matter of eccentricity. Do not eccentric men do the cause of Christ more harm than good in this field? It is my opinion that they do. I dislike to say anything that in anyway may hurt a fellow minister of the Gospel but I cannot say that I think Mr. Gallagher fitted for the work. In the older parts of the country I believe that his abilities will do less harm.

Your visit to Longmont though brief did us all good. No one could have talked to the people more practically and pleasingly than you did. The next Sunday we had communion, when six members were added to our church four by letter and two after by examination and baptism. Mrs. Atwood one of the baptized, is one of the most refined and respected of the ladies of this place.

God has given us great cause for gratitude in sending these six persons into our little communion, which now numbers forty six active members.

With kindest regards to yourself and family, I am

Yours Sincerely,

Edward M. Deems

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Canon City, Col.

Nov. 19, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Dear Brother:

I am on the point of leaving town and send you this in haste because I fear there is some misunderstanding on the part of some one in regard to my successor. Mr. Owen is not as yet; but all the satisfaction to be gotten from him is, he will come in a week from the present time and fill the pulpit for one Sunday and as to any more that depends wholly on the dictum of his "Medical Adviser". Thus we are in the same position we occupied weeks ago and Mr. Owen has been written to and consulted in person. The chances seem to be he will come and preach and leave on Monday morning. The people here want a man who comes to remain and not a man who comes for one Sunday.

My salary is all paid and no obstacle in the way of the new man. The case is an urgent one. The Methodists have settled the smartest man they have sent here in many years, and he has

an assistant.

The Cumberlans begin next Sunday with one of the ablest men they have in the west and thus one church will soon be divided in sections in the congregations of these men who are using every effort to induce them to form a permanent connection. Meanwhile this gentleman whom you gave me to understand would come as a pastor to settle, can hardly be persuaded to come for one Sunday and of course the people here know of no one else to invite. Is there not a misunderstanding somewhere? Surely I can think of no other explanation unless Mr. Owen has changed his mind since you saw him and not informed you. One thing is sure the church here can not waste all the season in a parley with Mr. Owen. I would remain and be done with all this nonsense but I am compelled to hasten east by the first train on account of the illness of a friend. I am unable to tell how now I can return and as my commission has not been issued; if any one can be found I wish you would send him to Coray at once. I may be detained in New York all winter but I hope not. My address at present is Geneva, N.Y. and I hope you may send me all the information I ought to have. I shall go over to New York City and see the secretaries I do hope and pray you can get a live man here at once, because I can't endure the thought that the flock accumulated by the labors of years should be scattered like the leaves of the forest and that will be the case in a short time unless the man who can "fill the bill" is on hand soon. Shall do all I can for Missions when I am east.

Yours in Christ,

Geo. H. Smith

Corinne, Utah

Nov. 20, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Dear Brother:

Yours of the 1st inst is at hand enquiring concerning your recommendation to the board. Your letter of 26th of Oct. containing the request was received 29th. It was duly written out and formally signed by Dr. Graham and myself and forwarded to Brother McNiece on the 30th of Oct. inclosing the part of your letter containing the request to forward after signing.

In yours of Sept. 8th acknowledging mine of 29th of Aug. and Sept. 5th you say, you can count on the board for two teachers for Brigham City. Dr. Kendall favors the purchase of the hotel property of which you write. If it is necessary to have one, two, or three, hundred dollars from abroad, we can raise it for you on or before Jan. 1st 1878. Dr. Kendall will at once commence corresponding for suitable teachers.



In accordance with these instructions \$300 was borrowed or rather given the use of by Dr. Graham, Mr. Willis Booth of Brigham City and myself and the property secured at \$750 two different payments of \$250 in six months from Oct. 2nd and \$200 in twelve months at 1% interest per month. Mortgage on the property which in this case is better than insurance. Again in answer of mine of the 24th Sept. you say Dr. Kendall was pleased that you secured the Brigham City property and we will be responsible for the pay. I cannot send you the \$300 now but will be responsible for it and interest. I think Mr. Tidball (whose letter I had answered through you) is the man for Brigham City. I will have another interview with him tomorrow.

I have been particular in referring to this correspondence. 1st to show exactly what has been done and that it was in full appropriation of yourself and Dr. Kendall. 2nd that the teachers for Brigham City and by implication the supply for Palad was in no way dependent on my selection but was promised by you and Dr. Kendall. Now then am I to understand your question, "What have you done with Tidball's commission to Brigham City?" You have never requested his recommendation only said "I think he is the man but I will have another interview with him tomorrow".

You now request application for the appointment of Rev. W. F. Welsh and his sister Miss M. F. Welsh for Palad. I have done so and gladly if but the association of the name. It will be urgently forwarded to the other members of the committee. But it is disastrous to wait. At Palad where I have been the last week the Mormons have had the whole body of Apostles and elders there holding a weeks conference. Moreover for the past month Bishop Dunford, Judge Fright probate judge of the county and the 1st and 2nd counsellor of President Snow, have been preaching day and night in Palad and its precincts they have reported rebaptized 190. They are still at work with

S. S. Gillispie.

West Las Animas, Col.  
Nov. 20, 1877

Dear Brother Jackson:

I regretted much that you could not be with us on the 15th at Granada.

After a practical sermon by Brother Holm, the committee organized the church at Granada on the evening of the 15th with seven members, five of whom joined in the organization by letter from other churches, and two on examination. Mr. Ephraim H. Seals was chosen, ordained, and installed as elder in the church. He has already been actively at work in the sabbath school, and in a week day prayer meeting which he and Brother Jones have started. Brother Seals proposes going out thirty or forty miles among the cattlemen and holding meetings I will providence permitting, administer the Lord's Supper at Granada two weeks from next sabbath, and also baptize any children who may be presented by any of the members of the church.

Brother pray for us, that the blessing of the Lord may rest upon our work here more abundantly.

Your Brother in Christ,  
J. L. Merritt

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New York  
Nov. 23, 1877

Hon. W. A. Nyat  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs  
Dear Sir:

Adverting to the usual list of Indian Agencies assigned to the several Religious bodies, see page 278 of the report for 1876 of your office, permit me to mention that the southern Apache Agency, therein specified assigned to the Presbyterian Board, is not now on its list. Your predecessor in office we were informed decided to discontinue this Agency, as he had discontinued also the Cimarron Agency in the year proceeding, and so his predecessor had discontinued the Moqui Pueblo Agency, these three agencies having been on the Presbyterian list, they are not now.

Let me add that our missionary board, I feel sure, will make no objection to the transfer of any of the Agencies assigned to it, to other religious bodies.

Yours Very Truly,  
(Signed) John C. Lowrie  
Secretary

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Boise City, Idaho  
Nov. 24, 1877

Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson  
Dear Brother:

Your note of Oct. 30 after forwarding from point to point reached me finally at Walla Walla. My papers are not at hand so that I cannot at present comply with your request. I intend writing Dr. Lindsley with whom I left my papers upon leaving for my first missionary tour and will enclose your note with the request that it be attended to. Owing to the failure to occupy this field in other ways, I have come out to explore more thoroughly and if possible to hold the field until we get a missionary permanent located. We expect one from near Albany, N.Y. to arrive soon may of course be disappointed. Our church at Walla Walla was organized Nov. 11th with 17 members and one ruling elder elected and installed, others will write soon here as also at Weston where we organized the following sabbath with 7 members, elder ordained and installed. Also visited Waitsburgh and Dayton on the way toward Lewiston, not ready for organization. Have read your letter in Occident. The stage ride across the mountains is anything but delightful in winter. Am to preach for Mr. Simpson tomorrow. Everything here must be inaugurated. My work in Albany had to be given up, in taking up this general oversight. Some of our most important churches in the valley are therefore vacant at present. How do you report your expenses to the board, simply fares for travel, or including meals enroute? How much is allowed for salary and expenses? Do you give an itemized statement and on what basis. Please reply.

Your Fellow Laborer,  
H. W. Stratton

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Steubenville Seminary, Ohio.  
Nov. 25, 1877

Col. Irwin  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Friend:

I beg to introduce to you the Rev. Sheldon Jackson, of Denver, Col. He is the Presbyterian missionary over six of those western territories and has established out there over 100 churches. He is a man of wonderful endurance, ability, tact, and enterprise. He knows more about the Indians and the best way to get along with them than anybody else. He wishes some influence in some of his plans from your department.

If you can aid him in his noble work or introduce him to the men who have the power I shall take it as a favor and I am sure you will be advancing the highest interests of our country and showing a courtesy to me of the best and most denying of men.

With great consideration

Ever Yours,  
A. M. Reid

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Lake City, Col.  
Nov. 29, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:

Dear Brother;

I have been waiting patiently to hear from the board of church erection, regard to the money asked for Ouray church, the time I promised to pay it is past and no word from the board.

I have received my quarterage but no addition has been made to it nor one word of explanation as to why they could not grant. One thing is certain they will hear from me again as to the needs of the field nor do I propose to grumble to anyone. I have managed to live so far through your kindness and by selling my tools and by using \$173 that I received in the fall from an estate.

I am here and intend to remain until spring. The Lord will provide in some way until that time and if he has no more use for me on this field I know that he will make my duty plain. When I went into the work I felt perfectly assured that God had called me to it and I still feel the same confidence in God that I had at first.

I am thankful that the work has prospered and is still prospering in my hands. I have prepared several temperance lectures and I intend to make war on the liquor traffic several of the leading drinking men in the city have stopped and pledged themselves to me. My congregation still continues the same and I pray God that I may have souls for my hire this winter. I do not expect to see Smith on this field. He has gone to New York.

The weather is very cold. Mrs Darley sends regards.

Yours in the one hope,  
Geo. M. Darley

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Roxabelle, Ohio  
Nov. 30, 1877

Dear Brother Jackson:

Am still here , detained by illness of our boy Willie typhoid fever. For five weeks he kept his bed most of the time unable to raise his head from the pillow. He is now gaining rapidly sits up most of the day and can walk across the room.

I have watched papers hoping to hear of a minister being sent to Trinidad. I see from a Trinidad paper that a Campbellite preacher held a series of meetings in the Presbyterian church.

I suppose with a view to organization. I notice also on a certain sabbath a Methodist minister was announced to occupy Presbyterian church pulpit no services being held in the M.E. church. The Methodists when I left were talking of union services with the Presbyterian church of course it meant a Methodist preacher in new church and run in interests of Methodism while the Presbyterians paid and Col. Swallow financially thought it only practical thing to be done.

I think really it would be well for you to visit them I hope you will secure a preacher soon.

My wife's health is better yet I find she does not rally as readily as she did last fall. I did not leave Col. any too soon. I don't think her constitution would have endured the strain much longer and as it is she gains slowly her former vitality.

We both of us regret leaving the west. We loved Col. Trinidad was not enjoyable, but we would have preferred the mountains to the east. I am still without prospect of settlement. Have not been able to do anything on account of Willie illness. I hope to return to Franklin in a week or two. I have all my mail sent to Franklin. I have spoken on Home Missions almost every sabbath since we came east, and have engagements yet unfulfilled with some churches.

Are having quite cold weather.

You may have mother's paper (E. M. Pres.) change her address from Mrs. Mary L. to Miss Mary A. Gage, Roxabell, Ohio.

Love to Mrs. Jackson from self and wife. Mrs. Gage says "tell Mr. Jackson he may expect to see us back sometime".

Your Brother,  
John L. Gage

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Evans, Colorado.

Nov. 1877

Mr. Jackson

Dear Sir:

Your reply to my letter contained some points which have weighed heavily on my mind ever since its reception, and I feel that I should be acquiescing to a wrong if I let it pass and said nothing, hence will you pardon a few more

words from me? You say the good people of Evans are under a misapprehension in regard to the change made here, and that Mr. Stewart was consulted and approved the movement. I think you are misinformed for nothing that has passed between Mr. Stewart as pastor and his people here can sustain any such supposition and denial of anything that could be construed as approval by Mr. S. ought to be sufficient. His has been emphatically a "service of love" among us; here he had established a church and home and had just come to a point where he and his people could and would work together, right here he is intercepted by the authorities in power, the little church is thrown into a stupifying consternation, which has lead them to neglect where they ought to have acted, by remonstrating or showing forth in the right direction and we are subjected to the "say so" of as little a church as we are only they live in a "larger place" near by. Now why could not Mr. S. have lived in Evans and preached to the Greley church as well as contra?

You say the board had a chief right as they had the chief supporting. I grant this in measure. The difficulties of pioneering are now partly overcome and I believe all were feeling that they should do more, they are even now, under the present jurisdiction, but they would have done more had Mr. S. remained, and Mr. Jackson I fear you and the honorable body who stood as "overseers of the Lord's cause will find that a seed of discord has been thrown in here which will eventually break up the harmony which has existed hitherto.

I could say much as to the personal injustice done Mr. S. only I will not weary you except that if you would take the matter home to your heart I think you would see things differently. We don't any of us like to be dispossessed of our home our field where we were contently at work or have another come in and take from us the joy and good of our labor. Such is the case her, and so far I blame Mr. Partridge for accepting position, neither can I welcome him as I would like under other circumstances. I am not alone in this sentiment.

The earnest self-denying work which Mr. Stewart has done, merits a different reward and it will prove to some a wound not easily healed. I know there are some who hail the change as rather pleasant as Mr. P. has a pleasant manner, but they know the adage "A new broom sweeps clean" "Children like new toys". I think it will be sometime before we get another minister who will work so earnestly, so patiently, so uncomplainingly for the real good of the church as Mr. S.

I have hesitated sometime about sending this to you lest I might seem out of place, or my real motive not be understood but where our hearts do work they are sometime quite bold, and I wanted one true voice not afraid to be raised in the interest of our dear and honored Mr. Stewart.

With kindest regards.

Very Respectfully Yours,  
Mrs. L. J. Varney

Lake City, Col.  
Dec. 1, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:  
Dear Brother:

The papers from board of church erection  
cam last night. Brother Blyth brought them to me from Ouray  
he is on his way east will be absent two months.  
The board granted \$600 I am rejoiced to know that the money  
will soon be here. Mrs. Munn has not showed the right  
claims it is because times are so hard but everything will be  
paid as soon as the \$600 comes.  
H. F. Blyth is one of the many thousand, he is a noble christ-  
ian man.  
Best regards to family.

Yours in Christ,  
Geo. M. Darley

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Portland, Oregon  
Dec. 5, 1877

Col. DeAhna  
U. S. Collector  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 24th ult came last night, and I  
have time only to acknowledge it.  
You are opening the way for schools in Sitka. And I have no  
doubt that I can find teachers, but it may consume more time  
than we suppose. The way is long and much correspondence may  
be required.

With great respect

Your Friend and Servant,  
A. L. Lindsley

Chairman Executive com. of the Synod of the Columbia

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Colorado Springs, Col.  
Dec. 5, 1877

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have not heard from with reference to  
Monement. Brother Owen is not able to take charge, though  
he may be able to live at Canon and supply them. Brother Shai-  
ffer was at Monument and preached for them last Sabbath. Had  
a crowd school house both morning and evening. Fountain has  
only the Baptist Bro. every two weeks.

There is no M. E. minister in that part of the Co. This is the third letter I have written you about these fields. Can I not have an answer soon?

Thanksgiving evening the sociable of our church met at our house. The rooms were crowded with a merry company, and just before refreshments were announced Bro. Lenox in a brief speech presented the undersigned with a fine overcoat, which was so unexpected as to completely him. He responded however in an embarrassed way. On trying the depth of his pockets he discovered an envelope containing \$20 for Mrs. Gage. After the company had withdrawn we found one corner of the kitchen filled with packages of groceries, 100 flour, order for 1000 lb of coal and other things too numerous to specify. This is the way they have treated us ever since we came among them. The Lord bless them richly.

I want to give you the following item for your paper. I will give you the particulars. As I was in Ohio I was asked to preach the first Sabbath after my arrival in what was formerly my father's pulpit. Sister told me that it was announced the previous Sabbath that a collection for home missions would be called for. So I prepared to give a home mission sermon or speech, but when I arrived at the church the pastor objected to my preaching home missions saying his people knew their duty well enough. After the sermon he called for the collection without a word in behalf of the cause. Collection \$9.75. I am perfectly acquainted with the people and know they ought and might have given over fifty dollars if the facts had been put before them and an appeal made. In private conversation I found both this pastor and his people indifferent to the evangelization of our country. His is not the only church and pastor who are feeble in their sympathies and support of our great cause. Put the above into your own words and use it if it will do any good.

With remembrance to Mrs. J. and the children,

Yours,

H. B. Gage

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Des Moines, Iowa

Dec. 5th, 1877.

Hon. W. B. Allison,

Dear Sir;-

This will introduce Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D. of Denver, Colo. who visits Washington in the interests of the Indian Missionary work. His experience in this work will enable him to afford you reliable and valuable information.

I commend Mr. Jackson to your confidence and ask for him a patient hearing on the subject that calls him to Washington,

Yours truly, Josiah Given.



My Dear Bro Jackson;-

I have just a letter in hand from Mrs. McLewis of the Church of the Covenant, N. Y. informing me that Thanksgiving day she shipped two barrels to my address by express, in your care. Please look out for them. We don't want to lose them. The express agent in New York didn't believe Custer county existed. He might just as well believe I didn't exist. Well; you have'nt any such foolish belief, you know where Custer Co. is and you know where Teitworth is very well. I told Mrs. McLewis she sent her barrel in good care so look out for your reputation.

Blessed be God. Work still prospers here in Custer Co. We are moving actively for two new church buildings and God helping we hope to have both finished before the close of my first year. Have you still the model of the Longmont church. Would you send it to us here. I believe its just the place for Rosita Ula also. Nothing like planting Presbyterian temple in these mountains. They are gospel temples and not some thing else. Up to this date the church here is only about thirty dollars behind in salary. You see therefore they have a will to work. We have a session made up of three elders and two deacons, all good men, very best of men. Our ladies are now at work for a childrens fair. Proceeds are to go for the benefit of Sabbath school. Our school was organized four months ago, and we have now eighty members and still we grow. We are in need of a library. This fair will secure it. I believe it will secure us one hundred dollars. Of course Bro Irwin will help one half if we send him \$25. Already we have expended our fifty dollars for hymn books etc, and so by God's blessing we go on.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

W. P. Teitworth.

Rosita, Colorado,

Dec. 7th, 1877.

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Portland, Oregon

Dec. 7th, 1877.

Rev. S. Jackson, D. D.

Denver, Col.

Dear Brother;-

Rev. H. Stratton, now at Boise City has forwarded to me for answer, your letter of inquiry anent our Synod. I will respond in part tonight.

The executive committee including home missions is composed of-

Rev. E. R. Geary D. D. Eugene City, Oregon

" J. R. Thompson, Olympia, W. T.

Hon. T. M. Reed  
 Gen. E. B. Babbitt, Olympia, W. T.  
 Portland, Oregon. and the under  
 signed who is also the chairman. This is the committee of  
 several years standing. No woman's Synodical committee was  
 appointed. Only one female delegate, Mrs. Geary, appeared  
 from abroad. I hope to answer other inquiries in a few days.  
 I am about to enlarge the work in Alaska. God is rewarding  
 the watching and the prayers of years in a remarkable manner.

If it be inconvenient to cash the enclosed draft \$50  
 return it and I will give you an order on the Board.

Faithfully yours,  
 A.L. Lindsley.

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Cheyenne, Wyo.  
 December 8th, 1877.

Dear Brother Jackson;-

I write to ask a little favor of you in behalf of the  
 interests of the Presbytery. The next meeting of the general  
 assembly is to be held in Pittsburg, Pa. Now our brother  
 Cowhick has several influential friends and relations there  
 and I wish you would use your influence to have him appointed  
 to that body at our next meeting of Presbytery. I hope to be  
 at Fort Benton at that time building a church "A la Pueblo"  
 or I would engineer the matter myself. I think brother Cow-  
 hick could do important work there for the Presbytery, and his  
 recent trip to the north would advantage him much.

I will write you further about Ft. Benton.

Yours in the Gospel,  
 W. H. Hamilton.

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# 23 Centre Street,  
 New York City,  
 Dec 10th, 1877

Hon. Secretary of the Department of the Interior,  
 Washington, D. C.

Hon. and Dear Sir;-

Last June a petition was sent to us by the citizens of  
 Ft. Wrangel, Alaska pleading for a school and teachers. The  
 plea was so urgent that Dr. Sheldon Jackson, Superintendant of  
 our mission and educational work in the territories visit-  
 ed Alaska. He found no schools in all that section except  
 the form of one at Wrangell, taught by an uneducated native  
 of British Columbia. So great was the desire to learn to  
 read and speak the English language that even such a school

averaged over fifty pupils during the last winter, mostly adults. Dr. Jackson at once organized a good school and left an efficient teacher in charge. Since then we have various applications from different sections of Alaska for similar schools. We are willing to do this and cooperate with your department in building up at the several points of population in Alaska, Industrial schools, where in addition to the rudiments of an English education the men shall taught carpentering and other industrial pursuits, and the women, sewing, cooking, housekeeping &c. To give efficiency to this wise and human policy of the government, it would be wish to ask an appropriation of \$ to be disbursed under the direction of the Hon. Commissioner of the Bureau of Education, Dep't of the Interior.

We respectfully enclosed account of items.

Very Truly Yours,

Henry Kendall

Per. J. L. K.

George Dickson

Fort Wrangell, Alaska  
Dec. 10, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, U.S.

Dear Brother:

The time has again come round for me to write you concerning our work.

We are expecting the California tomorrow, when I hope to hear from you and also from the Board. It seems strange to me that things should move so slowly. It is now almost the middle of the fifth month since I left Portland and not a word of any kind. How much I wish those brethren could be here for a little while that they might see the importance of the work, and how strange it seems that God has laid Philip aside just when he seemed to be so much needed. He is still confined to his bed, indeed I think he has failed rapidly in the last few days. I do not think he will ever get up again yet he has been better and worse so often that he may rally again and possibly be about, but I think it exceedingly doubtful. Truly "God moves in a mysterious way". A canoe load of Philip's friends came from Fort Simpson two weeks ago, one of them Philip's brother. Mr Crosby sent a letter with him saying he could take Philip's place if I wished, but when I came to find out he is not a preacher and cannot read, so of course could not help me in the school. Mr. Crosby said he did not know much about him but he was not such a good boy as Philip. I can not understand what help Mr. Crosby thought he could be to me; I did not employ him as an assistant, indeed I have not seen any of the Fort Simpson boys that I would care to have in my school. None that I have seen can be compared to Philip either in education or piety.

Everything has been very quite and peaceable among our Indians except twice there has been a little trouble and both times arose from the officiousness of these boys. My school has increased wonderfully lately. I now have over one hundred names on my roll and between 70 and 80 in attendance. I find it very hard work, yet I get along pretty well and I think I never loved a school so well as I do this one, and I do not know whether I would be willing to give it up or not. I am astonished at the good order we have. Today I had 74 Indians crowded into that little room, but there was no confusion, but perfect obedience and order. But there is so much other work to be done. I try to do everything I can but I feel everyday that I it is not much.

Now I want to tell you something. I do not know whether you will approve or not of what I did. You know when I came here there was no books furnished me but those old books that were collected in Portland (scarcely two of them alike) So rather than labor under this difficulty I sent with Mr. Vanderbilt for a lot of books. They cost \$25. I sold a few of them but the most of them of course had to give away. This mail I received \$5 from a little mission band at Columbus Grove. This I thought I would appropriate to help pay for the books. Then I received a letter from a young lady at Grand Rapids, Michigan, saying she could do very little but that she was much interested in the mission and if she could buy a package of books or any other little thing to help me she would be happy to do so. I have written her telling her about buying these school books and have said to her that if she felt like refunding me a part of the money it would be thankfully received. Tell me if there is anything wrong about me doing this. I felt I would much rather buy the books myself than to do without them, yet it does not seem to me that it will be wrong to have the money returned to me if friends are disposed to do so. I have not written of this matter to Dr. Lindsley. I do not think he would have approved of my buying the books. One thing troubles me a little. I fear there may be a little friction between you and Dr. Lindsley about the Sitka school, and I would suggest that you do not take any steps in the matter without consulting the Dr. He has written me that he is in correspondence with Col. DeAhna and that the way was opening up grandly for teachers for Sitka. I hope you have received the check, I returned to you last mail for endorsement. In reference to publishing my letters, I of course do not write them for publication but have no objections to them being used if it will advance the interest of the mission. I would prefer that you fix them up as you think best. I had my letter published in the Nov. paper there is no mistake. It is in reference to the feeling of the chiefs about going to hear a Siwash (Indian) preach. They think they would be lowering their position to do so (not honoring it)

I believe I did not tell you above that I have had to buy a stove for my room. It was so cold with the fireplace



that I could not endure it. The stove with pipe cost \$11.  
Dec. 17th

The steamer arrived Saturday morning bringing me among others your two letters of Nov. 7th and Nov. 16th. I am not fit to write today having been sick in bed four days. I have been troubled with a severe cold for sometime, but thought every day I would be better and not give up to stay away from school. But Wednesday I was taken suddenly very sick in school. Had to dismiss the scholars at once and had hard work to get home. Have been real sick since but am now better. I feel the school as it now is is to hard work for me with every thing else to do. As soon as there can be any person sent to take the school. Then I can have the women a part of each day and then I will have time and strength to visit them more in their houses which could accomplished oh so much for these poor women. I have only seen Philip once since I wrote the first pages of this letter but he sends me word he is a great deal better. He was delighted at getting your letters and pictures (I too am much obliged for the photos. sent, I would like the little girls pictures if you can spare them) Philip's brother and father have been fixing up a room for him to move into so he will not have to pay rent. He has sent me word that he must have a stove. Mr. Vanderbilt was up this morning, I talked to him about it, he says he can get one for \$13. so I suppose I will have to get it. I received a letter this mail from a lady in Freeland, Ohio, saying the young ladies in their church had prepared a box for Philip which would be sent in a few days. She sent a check for \$15 to pay freight (I do not think it will be enough) I am so sorry the box did not come this steamer, no doubt there will be things in it that would add much to his comfort.

I have made out these statements, hope I have done it as you wish it and also hope you may be able to induce some society to send us the money. I am going to enclose \$1 worth of postage stamps in this letter for which I want you to send "The Rocky Mountain Presbyterian" to Mrs. J. D. Parcell, Sterling, Kansas. Let it commence with January. She is my sister and I want to send it to her as a Christmas gift. I have made out these reports Dr. hope they are the way you want them. I am ashamed of the writing in parts of this letter but you must remember I am sick.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Yours in Christian Love,  
A. R. McFarland

Colorado Springs, Col.  
Dec. 12, 1877

Dear Brother Jackson

I was down at Fountain and preached three times last Saturday and Sabbath. There are nine Presbyterians at the village, and all the service they have is one Baptist sermon every other week which has ceased to be a novelty, and probably never edified. (It certainly did not give even truth last Sabbath) Mrs. Gage was with me and our oldest daughter, and we called on all Saturday and Monday. Have agreed to give them a communion service in two weeks. They are anxious while the field is unoccupied to have regular Pres. services commenced. The Methodists have withdrawn for the present. The Congregationalists would like to occupy the appointment as they would also.

Well, the Fountain people say that if we can send them an acceptable man they will do well by him. They have been so long with only such chance Sabbath services as I could give them that they are not well enough united to pledge any exact amount. One man gave \$50 last year to the support of the M.E. and Baptist preachers and he is the most able man in the place.

The Campbellites have done much harm there and on the creek. They make a fair start and soon cease to have even preaching. They baptised a good many and then forsook the field. Can we do anything for them or not?

We are all well and engaged in the temperance work. Mrs. Gage joins in much love to you and yours.

Yours Truly,  
Henry B. Gage

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Colorado Springs, Col.

Dec. 15, 1877

My Dear Dr. Jackson:

I went down to Canon City and preached three sabbaths at the earnest solicitation of Elder Brewster. Your kind recommendation prepared the people for my coming and they unanimously invited me to become their stated supply for one year with a view to a call in the spring in case my health should be good. My cough was better while I was there but from some cause or other over excitement or over exertion, I was taken down last Friday with the chills and fever, not malarial but produced by nervous excitement and I have had them everday since. In consequence my doctor says that I cannot commence work before April 1st. It will depend on the manner in which I improve. I am greatly disappointed I was so anxious to go to work. My opinion is that by April 1st I could safely commence work. There is not a better climate than that of Canon City in Col. for invalids and I think I could do some good there. The Episcopal church is closed people have left. Baptist church only has preaching once in four weeks. Com. church, the Cumberland, Presbyterian, and the Methodist churches are the only ones in town which they have regular services in.

Brother Smith only preached once a day and our people do not ask for more than one service. Horse rent is very high really I could find but one house fit to rent at \$15. per month. I had a large audience and the most intelligent people in town. The people seemed very anxious for me to come and I would have commenced regular work there on Jan. 1st but for this illness. Brother Brewster will be greatly influenced by what you say, and the people look up to him and usually follow his advice. If you were to advise him to wait till April 1st he would do so. And if you could send them a good supply for four or five months until I am able to commence work I would be greatly obliged. Several of the trustees said they would wait until spring, but Brother Brewster is anxious to get a pastor and I do not think he will advise the people to wait and they will be apt to do as he says. I only wish the place could be kept open for me until spring. Please do what you can for me in this matter, I know of no place in which I could have the prospect of doing so much good with so good a chance for my recovery. I put the matter in your hands, do the best you can for me, though now the way is dark and God is leading me blindfolded, I know he will never leave me forsaken.

My doctor says if I do not commence work too soon I have in all probability many years of labor before me. I want to act conscientiously in this matter.

Please write me soon.

Yours Fraternally,  
H. J. Owen

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South Pueblo, Colorado.

Dec. 13, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Dear Brother:

Yours from Washington was duly received. Mr. Owen preached for us at Canon the last three sabbaths and our people have arranged to have him remove from Colorado Springs to Canon and, for the present to preach but once each sabbath hoping that he could soon be able to do more. I came on the cars with him on Monday last from home and from what I saw of his condition I am quite confident he is not able to preach even one sermon, and should not at present attempt it. With care and a total release from pulpit labors, he may improve in health as to do some labor next spring and summer when I left him it was with the understanding that we would wait a few days before filling out an application to the board for aid for him. Mr. Owen himself wished to consult his physician and expressed his fears that he would have to give up his labors for the present at least. I shall hear from him or see him in a few days. I received a line from Mr. Bliss yesterday informing me that a good man from Penn. now in Denver can be sent to Canon, I have written him just how we



are situated, and that in a few days we can decide definitely but that probably we would want him.

Yours Fraternally,  
J. K. Brewster

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The Manse, Anderson Bay  
Dunedin Otago. New Zealand  
Dec. 14, 1877

My dear Dr. Jackson:

I advised you some months ago of my change of address but as my paper continues to be addressed to Riverton I suppose my letter must have been miscarried.

I have read with admiration the accounts of your journeys over the mountains in order to the planting of a gospel ministry in centres of population that are spiritually destitute and feel that the age of Apostolic fervour and christian heroism has not yet passed. Long may you be spared and be greatly strengthened for the work you have to do, and the Lord give you abundant encouragement in it!

We are expecting a visit from Dr. Lomerville who has been holding Evangelistic meetings for some months past in various parts of Australia. He will be followed by Mr. Farley who intends I believe to spend a few weeks with us. Earnest prayer is ascending for special manifestations of the Divine presence and power.

Did you ever receive a paper from any of the Melbourne ministers on the church in Victoria? If not I could send you a sketch of its history and condition as I was for many years in Victoria and am pretty well acquainted with the state of things there.

With very kinds regards

Yours Very Sincerely,  
C. Stuart Ross

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Charron, New Mexico.  
Dec. 14, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Dear Brother:

I have your favor of the 6th inst was not a little surprised to hear of your being in N. Y. at that time, for you were at Taos only a short time ago. If you don't stop running about in that way pretty soon, we will have to set you down as a regular "tramp". The report of the proceedings of the Presbytery at Taos has been published in the territorial press and should, doubtless does give much satisfaction to all who are sincerely interested in the growth of Protestantism in this Rome beclouded region.

It is especially gratifying to know that a breach has been made in the defence of this Papal strong hold by the conversion of some of the native Mexicans. Are these conversions genuine? It is devoutly to be hoped that those who have professed Christ, from among this class, may have done so sincerely, and not through any sinister motive. I have been reading with considerable interest, your notes of travel on our western coast, published in the Rocky Mountain Presbytery. I had neither jot or tittle of an idea of the vastness of the field that is opening up in that region, previous, to reading those letters, nor any correct knowledge of the physical geography of that country. I was once within sight of the southern bounds of Oregon but no farther north.

Thank you for your very kind offer of assistance. It is very opportune, for I fear I am going to need help, and need it badly too. I have not had any official notice of my appointment but suppose that it will come soon. I asked Dr. Thomas to try to get bond for me in Santa Fe and restricted him to men who are not in any way concerned in government contracts agency traderships &c. He replied that under the restrictions he doubted the practicability of obtaining the necessary bond. You will readily see how essential it would be for me to be under no obligations to the class of men referred to. I do not know what amount of bond will be required but probably not less than \$5000 perhaps more. Now in case I should fail to obtain bond in Santa Fe, do you think you could help me out of the difficulty by getting it for me in Denver.

It may be that I can secure bond in Santa Fe, by going there to attend to it in person, but at all events I shall await your reply with a good deal of anxiety.

Very Truly Yours,  
John E. Pyle

Zuni, N. M.

Dec. 14, 1877

Dear Brother Jackson:

Thanks for your note of Nov. 16th which I received yesterday. Hope you will succeed in the house matter and get us one as soon as possible. Have been hard at work putting a floor in a native house, making desks, tables, bedsteads, hanging and making doors &c. Shall get into my school house tomorrow and wish you could see me in my new quarters. Am very glad the pottery reached you all right. It cost \$2.50.

I have not had a cent of money since Oct. 1st save a little I borrowed and have written Dr. Kendall three times. I have not enough to keep a sheep now, and shall have only bread and bacon until I get money. I do not know what to do about it.

I am by no means discouraged and I hope you will not suppose that this kind of thing discourages but I think it is pretty hard and such inflictions seem to me unnecessary. I have to hire a team of oxen every time I go to the port (six dollars a trip) so my postal communications are not frequent. I cannot afford to send to the office again for nearly two months and shall be entirely without means to supply the smallest want until then.

The work here seems to offer everything one could wish not in results but in opportunities to work. I don't believe there is another such field in the world.

When will you be here? We shall be ever so glad to see you.

Very Truly Yours,  
Henry K. Palmer

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Memorial Hall, Allegheny, Pa.  
Dec. 15, 1877

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Friend:

Your letter arrived last Monday. Mr. McClellan and myself rejoice at the prospect of the door being opened. We will await the action of the board with some anxiety and a good deal of hope that they will send us to the field upon which we have set our hearts.

Upon the receipt of your letter we immediately procured medical books and have vigorously commenced their study. We work together and will devote three hours per day to this missionary preparation. We have also sent to Alaska and its resources and are bending all our efforts and our reading to this one object.

You spoke of a Chinook Dictionary. How can we procure it?

Will it be best for us to write personally to the Sec'y of the board. If appointed how soon will we probably be required to go to our field?

Any hints or directions you can give us or put us in the way of getting, we will very thankfully receive. We wish to waste no time in misdirected effort.

Please write.

Yours in Christ,  
S. Hall Young

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W. Theol. Sem. Allegheny City, Pa.  
Dec. 15, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Dear Brother:

Your letter of the 10th set Brother Young and myself to work and we are in the reception mood for any and every sort of information that will fit us for an intelligent entrance upon our proposed work. We have sent for the book on Alaska of which you spoke and are reading Physiology and Therapeutics. We earnestly pray that since the Master has blessed us with a will to go that path the way may open in due time so that we may labor under no uncertainty in our preparation. Pray for us that the glad tidings of Christ may find us in such heralds as will never falter or fail in love to Christ and for all for whom he shed his blood. I think Mr. V. has written to you making certain inquiries. Anything you may be pleased to say to either of us will be common stock and will be most gratefully received. At Seminary Chapel on Thursday morning Alaska was the subject of prayer and conference. There is a greater interest here in the field of the wide west than I have ever known before.

Your brother in Christ,  
H. T. McClelland

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Pueblo, Col.  
Dec. 16, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
My dear Friend:

I hope you will not be surprised to hear from me; occasionally I feel compelled to say or ask something concerning our church.

As you are well aware our church has been dead in a spiritual sense, for more than two years, about all we did was in maintaining an organization which did not increase in point of numbers or increase its sphere of usefulness in the Master's vineyard. Of course this has not been all the pastor's fault, it can nearly all be laid to the coldness and indifference in spiritual matters of our own church members. During the past year the hard times have been so severely felt in all the churches of this place, and as nearly all our members are only in moderate circumstances, and had to depend on meagre salaries and day's work for a living this coldness in a measure has resulted no doubt from it. Since Bro. Holm came last April he has prayed and worked to build up a better feeling and to get the church on a better basis for work, but could do but little in accomplishing his purpose. The church seemed to enjoy the blues so generally had in this community the past summer a few of our male members were off for the summer and others were talking of leaving for other fields to live in. Finally the rolling mill project was talked of and now since its location at this place,

Englewood, Illinois  
Dec. 18, 1877

Dr. Jackson,  
Sec'y Board of Presbyterian Missions  
Washington City  
D. C.

Dear Sir:

Gen. J. M. Hammond Commissioner of Indian Affairs has kindly given in my name for a position under the jurisdiction of your board of missions. I presume his name is ample in point of reference still if others are required I can furnish them. In reference to some of my attainments I have to say I speak French and Spanish in the latter I am a little rusty, as one would be for want of practice for the past four or five years. I can, with great ease pick it up again. I have been teaching that language for the past two years I flatter myself I possess all the other requirements necessary to fulfill, satisfactorily the various duties which would be imposed upon me.

Hoping to hear from you at no distant date, I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully  
Your Ob't Servant,  
Col. Geo. L. Hollister

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New York  
Dec. 18, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.  
Dear Brother:

I like that last proposition much better. November would be lovely down in New Mexico. That I suppose let you out for Southern Utah.

We have a capitol letter from McMillan about Mt Pleasant, and now about that trip and all your trips I have this to say, make your stay longer, Why you didn't stay here long enough for us to get over the surprise before you were gone. I intended to talk with you about Longmont and Fort Collins being grouped and I wanted to know about the row at Greeley over Thompson but absolutely they never came to mind till you were gone.

Then you ought to have spent four weeks in Montana when you were up there last summer. You ought to have spent a Sabbath with each of our missionaries there, so generally you must see more of the people, they must know you and you must hear there tale.

And now if you go to Southern Utah stay long enough to form a sound judgement on the case over and above the "hifalutin" of the miners and the newspaper and give it to us all in full

Kind regards to Madam and the girls.

Yours Truly,  
H. Kendall

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Canon City, Col.  
Dec. 21, 1877

To

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Dear Brother:

Our church celebrated communion sabbath last Dec. 17th.

The session had fifteen applications for admission. We received twelve into our communion. Three being detained from the church by sickness. They will unite next communion. Of twelve received, five by letter, seven by profession. Commonly the demonstrations contributing to our fold at this time are the M. P. Church The congregations, Methodist and Presbyterian in Canada. You will please note as our membersh is more than fifty that we have more than double in numbers since my arrival. You will also bear in mind that we now are the fifth if not the fourth church in our state and denomination in members etc. Will you have the kindness in all your plans for the church nor to forget to put us in our real place as this may save us all a great deal of trouble. E. G. It would be a great mistake to place Pueblo ahead of Canon instead of Canon ahead of Pueblo- all things considered Canon church has changed more for the better in the last fourteen months than perhaps any church in any state "Unto God be all the glory" I would not state a word of all this but I am convinced you ought to know the present condition. I wish I could impress on your heart and minds of all interested that Canon church of one year ago was an institution entirely different in many ways from Canon church of today. Even those outside consider our prospects the best of any church here, a fact few indeed would have dreamed of one year ago. Can I ask you to impress upon your mind this truth that under the blessing of God our condition has undergone a great change in the last month. For this and only this can a great mass of troubles and mistakes be avoided and we are now done with our troubles. Canon has a future and so has our church. My commission has come from New York and I will not accept it until I meet you in Denver. I will then endeavor to explain the situation of Resita etc and show you what I can do.

I trust Daisy will soon be able to be moved. I shall endeavor to postpone my visit to Denver until your arrival. I will not attempt to explain situation in Resita etc by letter as it will require a conference

Yours etc.

Geo. W. Smith.

Canonsburg.

Dec. 22, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.  
Dear Friend:

Please find enclosed for \$32 from the Woman's missionary society of the Presbyterian church, \$30 of which is for the Alaska mission, the \$2 for two copies of The Rocky Mountain Presbytery. Please send one copy to Mrs. Craig Fische to Mrs. Dr. Alexander both to this post office and please send your paper. We read with great interest of your labors in New York Evangelist and your own paper also and I pray that life and health may be yours and you long spared to prosecute these labors to the glory of God and the highest interest of man. Please acknowledge the thirty dollars in name and foreign record.

Your Friend,  
W. N. McGinness

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Dec. 24, 1877

Rev. S. Jackson,  
Sir:

I wrote you concerning the money, our society has for Mrs. McFarland, or if she has been supplied, some other woman working in the home field. How shall it be sent and unto whom. I address you instead of Mrs. Mendall or Dickson, because having spoken to you concerning it, also to suggest that should you on your return hold meetings in Pittsburg and Allegheny that one of them, I presume the second, be held in the latter city during the day to accomodate ladies out of the city. We can send this money at any time now.

Respectfully,  
Mrs. W. A. Paxton  
29 Adams St., Allegheny  
Pa.

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White Lake, N. Y.  
Dec. 24, 1877

Rev. S. Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

In the Dec. number in answer to your appeal in The Rocky Mountain Presbyter for a "Christmas Offering" for Alaska please find enclosed two dollars with my best wishes and prayers for your success.

Very Truly Yours,  
Emma Hood

Victoria, B. C.  
Dec. 26, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.  
Denver Col.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of Nov. 15th reached me here where I have come from Sitka to take my family up by the steamer "California" which sails from Portland on or about the fourth of next month and will touch here on the 6th or 7th to arrive again at Sitka on or about the 13th of January.

I have today enclosed your letter to Rev. M. Lindsley, enclosing his to you. I requested him to correspond with you and beg you to write him to avoid misunderstanding and bring about cooperation. Any teacher or teachers arriving at Sitka will find me in person willing to assist and contribute to the best of my abilities. There will be no difficulty about board or lodgings as long as I am here myself, which depends on the will of the government and the policy they will adopt regarding Alaska.

There is neither a physician or a drug store in Sitka, and what is worse yet there is not a semblance of law or order or power to enforce either. I am going there with my family wife and two children (ages between 13 and 6) trusting to Providence and in the faint hope that our government will reach some kind of decision regarding mode of introducing the benefits of law.

Please correspond with Mr. Lindsley and write to me at Sitka. I shall be very happy to carry out any thing proposed by either of you two gentlemen or by both.

Very Truly Yours,  
Henry C. Teakna

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Lake City, Col.  
Dec. 27, 1877

Dear Brother:

Yours containing the Christmas cards for the boys received, please except thanks for the same. It is an old saying that, "it never rains but it pours". Since the last letter I wrote you we have been more than supplied with the necessaries of life. Clothing from different societies, wood and provisions from the people in Lake City and considerable money from different parties, which you through your kindness have informed of our needs. We are comfortably fixed and getting along nicely.

On the 17th of December I called a meeting of the friends of temperance at the church, we organized and on the evening of the 18th I lectured to a crowded house; 84 signed the pledge; have been talking every night since, and to-night I lecture again, the church is too small but it seats more than any other building in the city.



190 have signed the Murphy pledge; our citizens are gradually taking hold of the movement and now there is no lack of speakers.

Bless God for the great work he is doing in our midst. I sent you the Silver World with an account of the proceedings every night the interest increases; all our meetings are opened and closed with prayer.

I begin to realize that after all the Lord allows me to be an instrument in his hands of doing some good. I am confident that the Lord and one are a majority and my watch word has been through all of our meetings "if God be for us who can be against us". Meetings every night and New Years we give a free dinner to all the miner boys; Murphy will keep open house.

The saloons are closing. no business; some of the saloon keepers do not think as much of me as they did. I tell them that we propose to fight them squared toed and that they might just as well close up one time as another. To-night I lecture on the evils resultings from the sale and the use of intoxicating liquors. Some have asked me to go to Ouray and wake them up on the temperance question, but I am worked night and day, and after the week of prayer expect to preach night and day. God help his feeble servant to do the work that he has undertaken in his Master's name.

Love to all.

Yours in Christ,  
Geo. M. Darley

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New York  
Dec. 27, 1878

Rev. G. M. Darley,  
Dear Sir:

The board at its late meeting granted an addition of \$100 to your commission.

Yours Truly,  
O. E. Boyd

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Lake City, Col.  
Jan. 5, 1879

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.  
Dear Brother:

I thank you for the \$100 additional you have succeeded in securing me on my salary.

Money for the Ouray church from the board of erection received.

With God's help and the help of the good people of Lake City I have succeeded in capturing Lake City for the cause of

temperance. Over three hundred have signed the pledge, and the good work still goes on every night the church is packed full and I pray God that the temperance work may prove to be an entrance wedge for a still better work. I am feeling well only a little tired, talking so much temperance.

Mrs. Darley sends regards to family.

Yours in Christ,  
Geo. M. Darley

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Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dec. 30, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 26th was received this morning. I hasten to reply believing it to be Sunday work. I write chiefly in regard to my school estimates to advise you of my changes and modifications of our estimate made when you were here. I enclose a copy of my estimate and to the Commissioner on the subject, so that you may be well advised of the status of the business when you go to Washington next month. It would require too much time to give you all my reasons for the changes in our program. The chief reason that I want to see the schools grow into what they ought to be, want to be sure of my man so that there need be no failures on a large scale, nor money wasted in large amounts. Would rather be a long time in making a success than to make a failure in one season. The money proposed to be spent for the day school at Jemez would be so much toward the boarding school as soon as the day school developed sufficiently.

You see I have made by far the largest estimate for the Laguna school this is because I know that the formation is all ready laid at that place, and because I am sure of my man. Please labor with the commissioner and the Secretary of the Interior & A. And if they will not listen to talk on the \$14,000 basis, go for less.

I was very much gratified by your statement that Dr. Mendall is improving, was very anxious about him. Please keep me posted on the probabilities of the teacher for Jemez coming in a month or two.

Our church matters, I am sorry to say, "are getting no better very fast". The congregation, by a very slim majority requested Mr. Smith's services for another year, but I think that should a vote be taken now it would be the reverse of flattering to Mr. Smith. I advocated the retention of Mr. S. but am sorry now that I did because I have since become satisfied that it is utterly impossible for him to do any good here, and that it would be better for him to withdraw while yet there is a living root to the church, the stalk seems to be already dead, for his successor to nourish. I am trying to raise \$500 toward his salary for the year ending Nov. 18th

1878, but it begins now to look as if I would only succeed in raising about \$400. Many of those who have subscribed seemed to do so more because they did not like to refuse than because they wanted Mr. Smith to remain. Several of our best subscribers decline to give anything this year. I suppose the best plan would be to plainly request Mr. Smith to attend the next General Assembly and then conclude not to come back. He has intimated that if things did not improve, he may conclude to give up next November; but I begin to fear that will not be soon enough. If I conclude to have a talk with Mr. Smith I will inform you of the result. It would seem that when another man is sent here he should be placed under bonds to pay cash.

Ella was pleased to get the cards. She seems to me to be a very good girl. All send best regards to you and Mrs. Jackson.

Very Truly,  
B. M. Thomas

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Englewood, N. J.  
Dec. 31, 1877

Rev. Dr. Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

Yours of the 25th inst is at hand. You will be glad with us to know that thus far the Lord has put it in the hearts of his ministers here to favor the proposed meetings.

I write away from home with my book not at hand but believe the date is now fixed (D. V.) for seven meetings, and others are hesitating to the time only. But I do hope, dear Sir and Brother, that you can begin work on Tuesday Jan. 22nd. The time is fixed then for Backetts town, where the president of our synodical committee, Mrs. Dr. McCauley lives. I would like to show you some of her sensible enthusiastic letters, she promised to go herself (D.V.) to Morristown and perhaps elsewhere.

The next place is Englewood on the Jan. 23th. This was not the original date proposed though it meets the convenience best as to probable good attendance and I am especially anxious not to have the meetings begin at Englewood because I really believe this would not be expedient. The 22nd was the date mentioned in your note to Dr. Roberts so I hope you may be able to keep it.

A "circular" to be used by way of invitation from the several centres is being printed in New York to save trouble, if so desired, to the local committees of Arrangements. Dr. Roberts approved of this.

While we may have in view, so far as woman's work goes the securing of at least one teacher's salary from each centre, the great object strikes Dr. Roberts as well as myself to be the instruction of our people, as to the facts of the case

such as, by the blessing of God, shall give an impetus to the regular collections during the year and lead to more intelligent prayer in regard to our own land.

I thank you very much for the paper in regard to missionary work among the Indians. Most of it I read aloud this morning to one of my sons, who is suffering from a severe cold, settled in his eyes. Such statements cannot fail to show the need of the gospel in Alaska and all the coast there of. Have you seen the new "Missionary Review", just published in Princetown by Rev. R. G. Wilder, tale of Kolapoor, Indian? There is force in it. He thinks work in our own land should be undertaken by the board of Home missions to be under the direction or care of the Presbyteries on the same principle as governs in regard to home mission churches. I came here quite suddenly this afternoon on account of my dear mother's serious illness, she seems to be a little better.

Please excuse this long note. I do believe the Lord is guiding step by step about your proposed work in this synod all has come about in a way so natural. In some way we must raise money enough to get about 600 copies of the Rocky Mt. Presbyterian at least for distribution, also of this large paper of your, if possible. Can you probably have such on hand?

Yours Truly and Respectfully,

F. E. H. Haines

P.S. Please direct to Elizabeth, N. J. as usual

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Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dec. 31, 1877

Dear Friend:

Your letter was received last evening. I will send to Dr. L. by first mail and hope to be able to follow your directions to the letter. The box sent by Mrs. Jackson arrived safely, and was most thankfully received, though I have been slow to acknowledge it. I am beginning to have better prospects of success among the people. They are still asking for a day school. From letters received from home I learn that Miss Spuce is ready to come but cannot raise the money and as I have to be going in debt here to live and pay for wood, rent, and & and have not received any commission, could I give an order to some party on the board in order to raise money to bring Miss Spuce and, pay my indebtedness here. You have a better idea of what the board will do in my case than I. My friends at home fail because of vacant houses.

Mr. Smith has invited his congregation to spend the evening of New Year's day at the personage. I am getting more work here than I have time for, but when Miss Spuce comes I wish to visit Chama about twenty-five or thirty miles away where twenty or thirty Mexicans are studying the scriptures. I can go by stage but lack the money and some one to take my place as I will continue the school for half-grown and

some adults.

Love to all.

Yours in the Work,  
W. B. Griffith

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Larannie,  
Dec. 31, 1877

Dear Brother Jackson:

I received your note on Saturday. You think I will not go to Ft. B., well I hope not if the hand of the Master is not in it.

From any human consideration, however, I know no reason why I should not as far as expense is concerned I could go for less than Brother Cowhite is willing to go for. I know the people there which is the great incentive with me still, "He holdeth the stars in his right hand".

I expected to start for Colorado today but am hindered by the sickness of May. I have had my excellent health, which has been so long uninterrupted but somewhat broken in upon of late. It was at first nervous prostration, that has passed away and left me with rheumatism but I have been in the pulpit every sabbath.

We have had a remarkable case of conversion of late and our church seems somewhat aroused.

My wife joins me in love to yourself and Mrs. Jackson.

Yours in the Gospel,  
Wm. B. Hamilton

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The Planting of Presbyterianism

IN THE

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A Chapter in Pioneer Presbyterianism

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STATED CLERK PRESBYTERY OF COLORADO.

While the Presbyterian Church in this Rocky Mountain region has no venerable records to consult, it has a history, nevertheless, which is peculiar in many respects, and which ought to be more generally known than it is. Prior to the year 1869 the materials for a complete record are very limited and very imperfect, but enough can be gathered from the narratives of the Stated Clerks of Presbytery and Synod to afford an outline of at least the most important facts connected with the early history of this work.

The pioneer minister of the Presbyterian Church in Colorado was Rev. Lewis Hamilton, of the Presbytery of St. Joseph (N. S.). Joining the crowds which were crossing the plains in the spring of 1859, he reached Denver on Saturday, 11th of June, and preached in an unfinished building the following Sabbath. It was a time of wild excitement, and men were rushing hither and thither in pursuit of the gold that perisheth. For this they came and endured hardship and toil; and, with most, all thoughts of serious and eternal things were banished for the present. All were unsettled, and expected to return in a few months or years, with the coveted reward of their toils, to Eastern homes. There were multitudes who could be induced to listen to the preaching of the gospel for a brief season; but in this unsettled condition of the country, there was little or no encouragement given for the organization and establishment of churches. For several months Mr. Hamilton preached at the mining camps and in the towns adjacent to Denver, and late in the fall of 1859 returned to Iowa. In the spring of 1860 he came back to Colorado and continued to preach at various points in the Territory. Meantime other ministers began to arrive from the East, and labored, as they had opportunity, for short periods; but no permanent organization was effected until the 15th of December, 1861. At this time the First Presbyterian church of Denver (O. S.) was organized under the ministrations of Rev. A. S. Billingsley, of the Presbytery of Missouri River. It consisted of eleven members. Simon Cort, a staunch Presbyterian from Westmoreland County, Pa., was the first ruling elder, and he has faithfully served the church in this position ever since. From this time until the spring of

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1869, four additional organizations were effected—one at Central, one at Black Hawk, one in Boulder Valley, and another at Denver, which is known as the Central Church, and which is supplied at the present time by Rev. Alex. Reed, D. D., late of Brooklyn, N. Y.

The year 1869 was the beginning of a new year in the history of Presbyterian missions throughout these Rocky Mountain regions. Before we enter upon it, let us take a glance at the situation. Ten years had passed away since the voice of Father Hamilton was lifted up in this wilderness, crying out, like the messenger of old, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord;" and yet the outlook was far from encouraging. Up to this date, three of the organizations mentioned had provided themselves with church buildings; and in one or two instances there were encouraging evidences of growth and prosperity; but, taking the field as a whole, the agencies for good were far behind in the race for position and influence. In the case of our own denomination this was notably so. It was not much to our credit that the task of evangelizing the tens of thousands who came to live and labor in Colorado, during this decade, was limited to five feeble churches, some of which were oftentimes without supplies for months at a time. With no Presbyterial oversight (practically at least); with no common bond of union and sympathy, and wholly dependent on transient supplies; in a shifting population, it is not strange that these organizations barely maintained their existence. Where they could do no more, let it be said of them to their high honor "they held the forts" in faith and hope. In the vast Territories of Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, and Arizona, there was not a single Presbyterian organization at this time, and in New Mexico but one of our name.

Such was the condition of our Church in this vast Rocky Mountain region less than eight years ago. The chapter which follows is a brighter one; for God in his providence was even then stirring the hearts of men to send speedy relief and succor to this forlorn hope. With marvelous rapidity a highway was being prepared over mountains and valleys and plains, across the continent; and, as it advanced from east to west and from west to east, a fresh impulse was given to every movement connected with the progress of this "New West."

The Union Pacific Railroad was not completed until the 10th of May, 1869, but long before this period multitudes had already entered the Territories, or, were on their westward way, in anticipation of the advantages which were sure to follow on the line of this iron trail. The men of this world, wiser in their generation than the children of light, were quick to take advantage of the opportunities opening up on every hand; but, as is too often the case, the Churches were making no special effort to go in and possess the land. The billiard saloon, the concert saloon, the corner groggery, the gambling hells, moved with every shifting crowd, and were the first places of public resort in every aspiring town. In many and many a town there was nowhere else for the young man, fresh from a Christian home, to go, not even on the Sabbath. Evil influences of every description were at the front in force, but the good influences lagged far behind in the race for position and power. While waiting for these to come up, many a good resolution was surrendered, and many a promising life was beclouded and ruined forever. It is bad policy, as well as wicked neglect, to allow iniquity to become entrenched in a new community before the gospel is sent to counteract and oppose it; yet such has been the his-

tory of too many of our missionary operations in this land in the past.

In the fall of 1868, the Synod of Iowa, realizing the importance of making an advance movement westward, simultaneous with the advancement of immigration and progress, applied to the Board of Home Missions of our Church for a commission for Rev. Sheldon Jackson to superintend this important work. Owing to some misunderstanding between the Secretary of the Board and the Synod, the request was not granted. Meantime the winter of 1868 passed away, and the Union Pacific, which was then attracting the attention of the world, was almost completed. The men of the frontier, who realized the necessity for prompt action, were anxious to extend their lines into the country which was opening up so wonderfully beyond, but to all human appearances there was no solution to the ever recurring question, "How shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent?" We lay a great stress on our trained hosts and our munitions of war, but God, who can save by few, as well as by many, is not absolutely dependent on these for the advancement of His cause. If the hosts of Israel falter, and refuse to move, he can use a Jonathan and his armor-bearer, a ruddy shepherd boy, with his sling, or a faithful Gideon, with his three hundred men and a few pitchers and lamps, to accomplish His work. It was so here, as the history will show.

On the 29th of April, 1869, the Presbytery of Missouri River met at Sioux City, just twelve days before the completion of the great trans-continental railway. It was one of those small frontier Presbyteries (which some of the great ones in the East in our day are tempted to despise), but I question whether ever church council or Synod or General Assembly inaugurated a grander missionary movement in the midst of difficulties and discouragements. I am not informed as to whether there were many D. D.'s or LL. D.'s in this little company (I am inclined to think not), but there certainly must have been some Calebs and Joshuas among them, for they, under God, began an aggressive movement on that day, which has placed the Presbyterian Church in the forefront of missionary operations in these Territories, and which has given into our hands that splendid and ever-growing domain, which is now covered by the Synods of Nebraska and Colorado.

On the afternoon of the day which was appointed for this meeting, it as happened, in the providence of God, that three of the ministers, Thomas H. Cleland, Jr., J. C. Elliott, and Sheldon Jackson, of the Presbytery, were prompted to ascend the high bluffs to the northwest of Sioux City, and look abroad over the land. As they looked toward the setting sun, their hearts were saddened, and their spirits stirred within them by the thought that for two thousand miles onward there was not a single Presbyterian Church. Before they left that spot, earnest prayer was made for these destitute regions beyond. "The spirit of that prayer and the impressions of that hour," says one of this trio, "were carried into the Presbytery of Missouri River;" and the result was that Rev. Sheldon Jackson was unanimously appointed (May 1, 1869.) Superintendent of Missions for Iowa, Nebraska, Dakota, Montana, Wyoming and Utah. The Presbyteries of Des Moines (April 22-24, 1869,) and Fort Dodge (May 8, 1869), took similar action. There was nothing singular in the fact of making such an appointment, for many Presbyteries and Synods have done the same thing before and since, but there was something significant and singular in the fact that this Superintendent was

appointed by these Presbyteries with the distinct understanding that they could give no salary or traveling expenses either to himself or to those whom he should send.

By the terms of this appointment he was expected to sustain himself and those whom he should employ in this new field, and at the same time oversee missionary operations extending over 571,000 square miles, a province larger than all of New England States and the Middle Western States combined. In the treasury of the Presbyteries which appointed him as their Superintendent there was not a dollar that could be appropriated for this purpose.

Believing that divine wisdom would open up a way, Mr. Jackson, without hesitation, threw himself upon the promises, not of man, but of God, and accepted the appointment with all its responsibilities. With his characteristic energy and promptness, he took measures to occupy at once every important point on the line of the Union Pacific Railway from the Missouri River to its terminus in Utah Territory. Presbytery met, as I have said, on the 29th of April, and the road was completed on the 10th of May. But ere the last spike had been driven, Mr. Jackson had sent out on his own responsibility Rev. J. N. Hutchinson to Blair, Fremont and Grand Island; Rev. John L. Gage to Cheyenne and Laramie, and Rev. Melancthon Hughes (who afterward finished his course with joy at Sante Fe, New Mexico) to Bryan, the Sweetwater Mines, Wahsatch and Utah. This was quick work, but it was a time when quick work was needed. Not only did he send these men but he pledged their support. A few weeks later four young men in addition to these were secured from the theological seminaries to spend their vacation in preaching. One of these was Rev. Josiah Welch, of Salt Lake City, the present Moderator of this Synod, who is well known to most of your readers. During the year 1869, or rather from May 1st to December 31st, 1869, ten missionaries were employed besides the Superintendent; "and yet," says Dr. Jackson, "as the season advanced and passed, there was not a man of them could say that he had not been paid and paid in full." "Lacked ye anything? and they said, Nothing." This was pre-eminently a work of faith and consecration such as has not a parallel, I believe, in the annals of Home or Foreign Missions.

Moved by the baptism of the Holy Ghost, this consecrated band of men entered upon their work without purse or scrip or commission, "covenanting with each other to make special and united prayer that He who sent them out, who controlled the silver and gold, and who swayed the hearts of men, would provide for their support." In a very wonderful manner these prayers were answered. Letters written to personal friends brought back generous responses, not in good wishes alone, but in substantial bank checks for \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, and at one time \$500. In his report Dr. Jackson states that in 1869 and 1870 he received from private sources alone to carry on this work \$10,079.37. "In that memorable year (I quote from his recent historical sketch) twenty-two churches were organized, all of which, save one, remain to this day, and of which those at the two extremes are nearly two thousand miles apart. In that year the blue banner of our Presbyterianism was successfully planted for the first time in the Territories of Dakota, Wyoming, Montana and Utah. Then, too, were laid the foundations of the Presbyteries of Kearney, Wyoming, Mon-

tana, Utah and Colorado and the Synods of Nebraska and Colorado." During this year Dr. Jackson traveled over twenty-nine thousand miles in the prosecution of his laborious work, and with what success the above extracts abundantly show. In August of '69 he received, to his great surprise, and without solicitation, a commission from the Board of Domestic Missions, by the terms of which Iowa was stricken from the field, and Colorado and New Mexico were added; about the same time Messrs. Gage and Hughes were also placed in commission by the Board. By this official recognition, the work was placed in a "semi-independent" position, but still we are told it was largely dependent upon private funds, and private funds continued to be received. "The barrel of meal wasted not, and the cruise of oil failed not" so long as they were needed. With the reunion of 1870 came a change in the administration of this Board, and from this time onward the work has been prosecuted by its aid and under its control.

The reunion of 1870 gave a new impulse to missionary operations throughout the entire Church. A movement so grand and inspiring was naturally suggestive of grand enterprises of Christian evangelism. By a concentration of scattered resources and a combination of missionary efforts the united Church was enabled to make a forward movement, from which, may God grant, she may never recede.

The "memorial year" which followed the consummation of this union was one of unparalleled prosperity in that most important aid to permanent mission work—church building. During that memorable year Dr. Jackson states that he secured from churches and personal friends for this object, over and above large grants made by the Board of Church Erection, the sum of \$8,207.09. Under the new management some necessary changes were made in the grouping of mission fields, and, as a result, Nebraska and Dakota were cut off from this district, leaving Montana, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico under the supervision of Dr. Jackson, as before. In 1875 the Territory of Arizona was added to this field by enactment of the General Assembly. This is the Territory which is now covered by the Synod of Colorado; and there are few Presbyterians either in the East or West that have any adequate idea of its immensity and prospective importance. Extending from British America on the north to Mexico on the south, it embraces 18 degrees of latitude and 15 of longitude. This princely domain is "as large as the combined empires of Great Britain, Germany, France and Italy" (not including their colonial possessions). It covers a field "ten times larger than all New England—a province larger than all the country between the Missouri River and the Atlantic Ocean from the Lakes to the Ohio;" comprising, in other words, nearly one-fifth of the entire area of the United States.

Since 1869 a concentrated band of men have labored earnestly, in connection with the untiring Superintendent of Missions, to occupy and evangelize this vast and rapidly-growing region, and the visible result has been the organization of sixty-seven Presbyterian churches and the erection of thirty-six church buildings. More than double this number of churches might have been organized during these eight years if there had been any reasonable prospect of supplying them with the regular ministrations of the gospel. It has been the settled policy both of the Board and its coadjutors to occupy the central points in each of these vast regions. Whilst it is a wise policy, the sad truth should not be overlooked also, that those living in more remote regions

and mining camps, and almost the entire country population of these Territories are still without the privileges of the gospel. This destitution is not owing to lack of energy in missionaries or superintendents of missions, but to lack of *means*, without which it is impossible to extend our bounds in any direction.

The Synod of Colorado, which was formed in 1871, consists at the present time of the Presbyteries of Montana, Utah, Santa Fé and Colorado. All of these except the latter are *small* Presbyteries, but they are doing an important work for the Church which will one day be more fully recognized and appreciated than it is now. When Presbyteries are small because they have no room to expand, they have no right to exist; but where they *ought* to be *large* and are patiently holding ground which Synods will one day occupy, they have *rights* which the great Presbyterian Church is bound to respect. The Presbytery of Colorado was organized in November, 1869, but did not hold a regular meeting until February, 1870. At that time it numbered five ministers and eight small churches. In May, 1876, about six years later, this Presbytery reported twenty-six ministers and twenty-eight churches, one licentiate and one candidate for the ministry. (It might have sent four delegates, under existing rules, to the General Assembly in the Centennial year, but it was content with two.) Its contributions for all purposes, as reported last year, amounted to more than \$32,000. It is also a matter of thankfulness that we have at the present time a growing church in every prominent village and town in Colorado. In the other Territories there is evidence of progress equally gratifying, but the work in these has been of necessity confined to a few central points. It is something, however, that the blue banner of our Presbyterian host has been successfully planted in Mormon Utah and Papal New Mexico and Arizona, as well as on the rugged heights of Montana, Wyoming and Colorado; and that, by the co-operative work of the Church and School, a leavening influence is being exerted which is even now molding public sentiment and changing open opposers into ardent workers for Christ.

The experience we have passed through as a Church, in connection with efforts put forth for the evangelization of our land, will be of little practical value if it fails to impress upon us the importance of prompt, aggressive work. There is danger of a church becoming so firmly "established" in precise ways that it ceases to move. The minutiae of a successful campaign cannot be written out beforehand. New and unheard of difficulties must be met with new and special methods. When we have no vast Territories to explore and conquer, no unseen difficulties to grapple with, no perplexing questions to solve in the absence of precedents, and in a word no pioneer work to do in new and unknown regions, we may dispense with such super-Presbyterian adjuncts as Synodical missionaries and the like, so essential now to a successful advance; but for the present we must make use of these or cease to be a mission church. But for the prompt action and unwavering devotion of our honored Superintendent of Missions (whose name is familiar to all the churches), we would have but little Presbyterianism in these Territories to-day either to be proud of or ashamed of. All honor to the noble men who seconded him in this glorious work both in the East and West; but none, I am sure, will accord more honor to him, as the moving spirit in this good work, than those who labored and sacrificed with him. It is easy to find fault—much

easier than to breast the current and push forward aggressive work—and this good brother has not escaped the common lot of all fearless and energetic men. It would be strange, too, if he had not made mistakes in the midst of the perplexities and difficulties with which he was oftentimes surrounded ; but when these are forgotten, his self-denying work for Christ in these Rocky Mountain regions will remain. I do not believe in the glorification of men, but it is a Scripture precept, “Honor to whom honor is due.” The older ministers of this Presbytery can recall many an instance where churches were saved from failure and financial ruin by timely aid obtained from private sources through his efforts, while with few exceptions (three or four) he has assisted in this way, more or less, every church erected in this Presbytery since 1869. His main work, however, has been the exploration of new and unknown fields ; preparing them for occupancy ; harmonizing diverse and heterogeneous elements and organizing them into churches ; securing acceptable ministers ; counseling with reference to church sites and plans, and securing donations of land ; strengthening and encouraging feeble churches ; enlisting sympathy and help for suffering fields ; conducting a well-known religious newspaper, and carrying on at the same time an overwhelming correspondence with individuals and societies in the interests of the Home Mission work.

In the prosecution of this work Dr. Jackson has traveled, from the spring of 1869 to January 1, 1877, 197,204 miles—a distance each year of a trip around the world. He has made three trips to Montana, each involving about 1,500 miles of staging ; three trips likewise to New Mexico, one continuing across Arizona to the Pacific Ocean, two of these involving more than 2,000 miles of staging and horseback riding each. Those who are familiar with the physical hardships and dangers incident to travel in a new and sparsely settled country, and only those, can form an adequate idea of the amount of suffering and fatigue which must necessarily be crowded into such trips. With all this amount of travel, by rail, by stage, on horseback and on foot, it is not surprising that he “should meet with many experiences that fortunately do not ordinarily fall to the lot of a minister.” I cannot better describe this feature of the work than to give an extract from the closing words of a brief review of his labors, etc., which was furnished by request of the Presbytery of Colorado : “With the Apostle Paul, your Synodical Missionary can truly say, ‘In journeyings often ; in perils of water’—fording rivers, sometimes swollen with sudden rains ; once compelled to get out into the freezing water and break the ice that had frozen out from the bank so that his horse could get through. ‘In perils of robbers.’ Five times has the stage been stopped and robbed by highwaymen, just before or after he passed over the route. ‘In perils by my own countrymen.’ Once the trembling of the finger alone stood between him and instant death as a half-dozen revolvers were pointed at his breast—or when lying down at night upon his revolver with the strong conviction that he might wake to struggle with the Mormon assassin ; once a fanatical Papal mob were called upon to hang him, and at another he was taken to prison for the gospel’s sake. ‘In perils in the wilderness,’ as again and again he has been lost on the plains or in the mountains—sometimes in blinding snowstorms where others have perished, or among the trackless mountains of Arizona without

food or water ; again and again fighting the prairie fire that swept wildly around him, or fleeing before the roaring blast of a wall of fire madly leaping from pine to pine along the mountain side. 'In perils by the heathen.' Riding one long summer day with rifle across the knee momentarily expecting the attack of the savage Sioux ; and again upon the Upper Missouri, where the steamer was fired into by the hostile tribes that inhabit the banks of the river ; at another time avoiding the murderous Apache on the warpath and saving his scalp by fifteen hours. 'In perils by wild beasts and venomous reptiles ; in perils by land and by sea, in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fasting often, in heat and cold.' Again and again crying out in the agony of physical suffering for grace and strength to endure to the end." "Such is a feeble delineation," he continues, "of the life of your Superintendent for the last seven years. At times feeling that the burden was too great ; that it could no longer be carried ; that it was more than should be asked of one person ; that he had done his full share of rough work ;—and then chiding his unbelief and gathering new strength and courage at the cross of Christ, he has pressed forward again, thankful for the privilege of laboring and suffering for Jesus."

This extract speaks for itself. I have referred to it, not for the sake of reflecting honor upon the labors of Brother Jackson, but in order to show that *aggressive* work under such circumstances means suffering, and toil, and peril. It is meet that those who sympathize with this noble work, and give of their means to aid it, should know at what expense these triumphs for Presbyterianism and Christianity have been won ; and it is for this reason that I have been prompted to write this brief sketch.

What the result shall be when these infant churches and Presbyteries shall grow into maturity and spread abroad "until the work of each shall meet that of his brother on the other side," it may not be ours to see ; but as surely as God reigns, that time is coming on apace, and coming through the instrumentalities and prayers of these faithful men who braved every difficulty and danger that this great and ever-increasing population might be saved for Christ and his Church.

The history of our Home Mission operations in the past century of our national life is full of thrilling instances of devotion, and sacrifice, and unremitting toil for the Master's sake ; and it is pleasant to record the fact that the last decade of this rounded century had been closed in the same heroic, aggressive spirit with which the first began. *Then* the blue pennon waved from the summit of the Alleghenies, while earnest men peered anxiously forward into the unknown region beyond ; *now* it floats from the summit of the Sierras—the last stronghold of the enemy—and waves responses to embattled hosts, from the Atlantic to the Pacific shore, on either side. The question is no longer, Shall we advance ? but, Shall we occupy ? From God in history and God in His providence we get the command, as the watchword of this new century—"Close up the ranks ;" "Hold fast that which thou *hast*, that no man take thy crown."







Statement of Pecuniary Relations between  
 Rev. Aaron L. Lindsley, D.D., and Mrs. Amanda F. McFarland.

In August 1877 I established Mrs. A. F. McFarland as teacher and Missionary at Fort Wrangell, Alaska. This was done without the orders or even the knowledge of the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church, as I was beyond the reach of communications and had to act upon my own responsibility.

After establishing Mrs. McFarland on the field, I returned to the States to raise the money for the support of the New Mission.

The Secretaries of the Board did not fully approve of my action, but as the step had been taken, they concluded to accept the situation and enter the Alaska work.

The question then arose, how they could get Mrs. McFarland's salary to her. There were at the time but two post offices in Alaska (Sitka and Wrangell) with a mail once a month. There was not a bank in Alaska to cash a draft, and but one small store at Wrangell and that was for trading groceries and supplies to the Indians in exchange for their furs.

The Secretaries of the Board, reasoning that if the quarterly salary was sent by draft, that Mrs. McFarland could not get it cashed, concluded to send her salary to Rev. Aaron L. Lindsley, D.D., pastor of the strongest Presbyterian Church on the North Pacific Coast, hoping that some of the business men of his Church, would devise some way of sending it to her.

According to the following extracts from Mrs. McFarland's letters to myself, who was raising nearly all the money for her support the plan did not work well, Dr. Lindsley neglecting to send her the money, until some of it was nearly a year overdue.

Encouraged by being made Mrs. McFarland's banker, he undertook to run the Mission which also complicated matters and made the work more difficult.

Sheldon Jackson.

Extracts from Mrs. McFarland's letters to Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D., with reference to Dr. A. L. Lindsley of Portland, Oregon:

"Ft. Wrangell, Oct. 11, 1877. Referring to the reported coming of a priest, she writes: "You see if I had given up coming when Dr. Lindsley discouraged me, the field would have been lost to protestantism." x x x "Dr. Lindsley wrote me by this mail and sent me a hundred dollars. He says that he has not heard from the Board --- at least had not received my commission. He says that the transfer from the Foreign Board to the Domestic has caused some friction".

March 21, 1878. Dr. Lindsley has annoyed me almost beyond endurance about Phillip's indebtedness and about the expenses of the school. It seemed impossible to make

his understand how the matter stood. So last mail I sent him everything--all the bills and receipts, so that he might understand it. Now he writes me how he was shocked and surprised at the reckless expenditure that has been made and made without either he or his secretary (his wife) ever authorizing it and that had he known how things were being carried on, he would have vetoed it long ago." Of course all this about Dr. Lindley is confidential, but I wanted to let you know how he had treated me. I did feel very much hurt when I read his letter, but I feel better now x x x Dr. Lindley has such an idea of everything being done on a narrow contracted scale and everything must be so exceedingly economical that I begin to fear that the Mission will not succeed very well.

March 26, 1878. Dr. Lindley writes that he has settled up all matters with the Treasurer, so I suppose all is paid. He did not send me any statement or account of settlement of any kind. I infer from his letter that everything is paid up to February 1st. But I did not hear from the Board, so I have received no salary. There will be three quarters (nine months) due me by the first of May.

May 11, 1878. I feel very much depressed since this mail came at not hearing from the Board. It seems very strange that I am now in the fourth quarter and have not received a dollar salary since coming here. I am so much in debt and it does annoy me terribly. Dr. Lindley wrote me by the April steamer that he had settled up all the accounts of the school, Phillip's accounts, &c., with the Board. Why do you think the Board has acted so strangely with me x x I have sent my reports regularly but hear nothing from them. (See Oct. 11, p. 223.)

June 7, 1878. I have not heard from the Board. It does seem very mysterious to me and really discouraging. In about 6 weeks the year will be up and I have not had a dollar of salary.

July 8, 1878. But I heard nothing from the Board. Nor a dollar of money. Now it is almost a year since the date of my commission and not any salary sent me yet. Dr. if it would not be death to the cause here I should go right down on this steamer.

July 1878. Now the date of my commission will expire in 12 days and I have not received one dollar of salary, nor a word of explanation. What do you think it means? Now I want you to write for me to the Board about my commission being renewed.

August 12, 1878. The Board sent me \$200 through Dr. Lindley this mail and now he writes me out a list of all the moneys I have received (including what I got from him and you at Portiana, charging me 5 per cent. on the

gold he and you gave me, when I would not have had to pay out 5 per cent. here) charging it to me and makes no reference to what I paid out for Phillip and for school expenses. He wrote me at one time that he "had finally been able to settle with the Board" and now he tells Mr. Young he wants him to go over all the accounts and see if he cannot straighten the matter up. I confess I am quite out of patience. The matter is perfectly plain to Mr. Young after I have explained it to him and says he does not see how Dr. Lindsley can fail to understand it x x x I do wish the Board would send my money direct to me. I do not see why they must send it to Dr. Lindsley, when I report to them x x x I remember very well the episode you refer to in connection with my coming to Alaska. One thing Dr. Lindsley said to me at that time was, "need a person of some executive ability to go to Alaska." If I don't know anything about business, I am inclined to think that there are some men who don't know much more than I do.

September 3, 1878. It does seem astonishing the feeling of jealousy that has taken possession of Dr. Lindsley and the Oregon Presbytery. It certainly shows a great deal of selfish narrow mindedness that they will allow their personal feelings to so interfere with the great and important work in which we are all engaged.

Dr. Lindsley's tyranny has made matters very unpleasant for me in many respects.

I think this paper adopted by the Presbytery of Oregon (at least parts of it) unchristian and ungentlemanly. The statement about "Mr. Mallory coming out commissioned by the Board of Foreign Missions for work among the New Peoples is not correct. He came out as a teacher appointed by Government.

Another is Mr. Mallory having accepted a government appointment in Arizona was obliged to leave the ground." Mr. Mallory knew nothing of his appointment to Arizona until he returned to Portland x x x Of course you are right about the school being as such under way when Mr. Mallory arrived, as when we arrived. I feel well assured that if you had not taken hold of Alaska as you did, and had I not come "failures" would still be written on all Dr. Lindsley's efforts.

October 11, 1878. This mail I received a letter from Dr. Kendall saying "I write to say that the following sums have been sent to you or to your account since you went to Ft. Wrangell (Total \$211.) Why it has not reached you is indeed a mystery and how you have lived is another. This money with the exception of \$60 I think

has all been sent through Dr. Lindsley, supposing that to be the safest way." Now what do you think of all this? It simply seems to me a great outrage. I wrote Dr. Kendall asking him hereafter to send my salary direct to me. Dr. Kendall says "We stand ready to send Miss Dunbar. I wrote to Dr. Lindsley in June about it, but got no response. But from what you say I think we will send her along."

November 7, 1878. Last mail I wrote to Dr. Lindsley as I did to you stating what Dr. Kendall had written to me. This mail he sends me another insulting letter saying "This proves to me that things at 23 Centre Street are in a great muddle and that you fail to make your accounts so that they can understand them. I would suggest for your speedy relief that you have Mr. Young make out a plain statement of your affairs and send them to me for endorsement and I will forward them to the Board." Mr. Young had written him how much labor I had in the way of letter writing. His answer to him is "Mrs. McFarlane's appeals go out unsupported by any one and she is not generally known. They bring no fruit, therefore all her labor is lost." His letter does not seem much like Dr. Dickson's. He says "You can not imagine how much interest your letters are creating. Let this be a part of your work. Write often fully." /and I try not to mind Dr. Lindsley's letters, but it is so hard to bear so much of this thing. They sent a box of things from Portland this steamer for the "Home" -- Old wash such as wornout shoes, &c.

December 3, 1878. Dr. Lindsley is urging Miss Kellogg to take the school, although Mr. Young does not want her to do so, so I doubt whether Miss Parker is sent at all. x x

Mr. Young came up here considerably prejudiced against you, but he is so thoroughly good that he does not allow these things to influence him much. I fear he will not be the same man after his marriage. At least he will not dare speak out as he does now. He expresses himself very freely about Dr. Lindsley saying that he (Dr. L.) has treated me shamefully and thinks me very patient and forbearing to put up with it.

January 1879. Dr. Lindsley's annoying me is almost what I can bear. This mail he writes to Mr. Young for me to make out a report of the affairs of the "Home" and send to him. I positively refused to do it. Was I not right? Why should I report to him about the Home?

March 12, 1879. Your letter to Mr. Young has met with a hearty response from all the members of the Mission including Mrs. Young and Mr. & Mrs. Vanderhilt. x x x There were all kinds of complimentary things said about you. x x I have not heard the letter Mr. Young wrote Dr. Lindley but he told me that he was obliged to write very plainly. x x There have some strange things come to light about the management of things at Portland. Mr. Young fully understands all these things. He also fully appreciated what you have done. I am sure the Mission owes every thing to you.

May 12, 1879. Mrs. Vanderhilt has just returned from Portland. Dr. Lindley talked somewhat to Mrs. Vanderhilt about me. I do wish something would turn up to prevent them from coming up with the rest of you.

September 8, 1879. I suppose you heard of the order Dr. Kendall and Lindley (Dr. Kendall denies sending such order) sent up about the work being stopped and nothing came up on the California to work with. Mr. Beger is repeating his order this mail, but I suppose it will not do any good. It does seem strange that the work must stop now and the Board have to pay rent for these two buildings (\$530.).

November 11, 1879. Dr. Lindley sends nothing that is ordered, so it looks as if it would be a long time before the building is finished. Indeed I feel alarmed about it. The whole matter has been so dreadfully managed. It seems such a pity that the money had to pass all through Dr. Lindley's hands.

October 9, 1879. It seems a great mystery to me how it is that the Church has been pushed forward to completion and work on the Home stopped. When all were so blue when you were here because there were no funds to go on with the Church. It was a great disappointment to me that work stopped on the Home. We have now to pay \$300 rent on this house. x x x

Then the "Home" money has all been sent to Portland to reimburse Dr. Lindley. Mr. Young says that he knows there is much more than pays him and yet he did not send the balance here. The workmen are clamorous for their wages. I should not wonder if the carpenters quit work. I begin to feel that it is doubtful whether the "Home" is ever finished. I have never seen a worse managed affair in my whole life than this whole business has been. You must not make use of these things I write you, I mean in public print.

February 5, 1880. This action of the Oregon Presbytery seems very mysterious, but not more so than many other things they have done.

March 26, 1880. We are feeling very much worried about the "House" building. Dr. Lindsley discouraged me about its being finished this spring. Indeed he wrote to Mr. Young that the work would have to be stopped. He says that there is no money to finish it. That he does not know of any and does not believe any person does. Mr. Young has sent orders several times to Portland but nothing comes.

April 10, 1880. Yes you wrote me about Dr. Lindsley's writing to the Board. He seems to do such unwise things all the time. x x now Dr. Lindsley requires Mr. Young to pay the steadiest fare for both those Indians. It is \$130. x x Mr. Young is completely run over. x x he is thoroughly disgusted with the way Dr. Lindsley has done."

Rev. John G. Brady, Sitka, Alaska, writes:

July 9, 1878. "If I am treated as Mrs. McFarland has been, I shall set up such a howl that will ring across the continent."

March 20, 1878. I have just returned from the Board. Dr. Dickson's attitude surprised me. x x I sent him an extract from Dr. Lindsley's letter which I understood to be a demand for my leaving the field. Here it is. "But it is plain from your letters that you were discouraged. If this feeling continues I can not advise you to return your commission. It may be your discouragement springs in part from your want of adaptation to the work in Alaska. x x The enterprise especially in its incipiency demands whole scaled devotion, as well as certain ascertained intellectual qualities." Now what could I do in the face of such a letter only resign. I could hardly conceive how he could venture to assume such authority, unless he could make everything plain to the Board. Why he should not have sent a copy of such advice I can not say. The root of all the trouble lay in Dr. Lindsley's niece, Miss Kellogg, whom I had for courtship I absolutely refused to notice and thus stirred his ill will.

March 31, 1879. Dr. Dickson gets his  
 working from Dr. Lindsley's letters. Very well, if the  
 Board is going to make Dr. Lindsley a sort of Presbyterian  
 Pope for the North West let all future Missionaries go out  
 with such an understanding.

But I believe that when the Board obtains full light on the  
 doings of the past year, that they will not allow the whims  
 and prejudices of a single individual to prevent them from  
 going straight forward.

May 9, 1879. I met Rev. E. N. Condit  
 at San Francisco on his way to the Assembly. It is very  
 strange that he should be so hostile towards you who have  
 done so much for the cause in this field. I wrote to Dr.  
 Kendall expressing my views of the manner in which they were  
 about to treat you.

Rev. S. Hall Young, Ft. Wrangell, writes:

March 11, 1879. Your visit will be of  
 untold value to the Territory. To have it thwarted by a petty  
 private jealousy would be a crime. I know Dr. Lindsley well  
 and while I respect and esteem both him and his work I know  
 how sensitive to his own position he is.

Mr. O. D. Eaton, Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions  
 writes:

April 1, 1879. As to Mrs. McFarland's  
 balance I would say we owe her \$180 for the year ending Aug.  
 1st, 1878. You know that hangs on the account I have been  
 trying to get out of Dr. Lindsley. I took him in hand  
 again some five weeks ago. His reply came to-day. A fair  
 epitome of what he says would be "I can't account for the  
 money owing to Mrs. Mallory, Mrs. McFarland and Dr. Jackson."  
 Why did he not include your humble servant in the list?  
 The amount to be accounted for is \$651.

October 4, 1879. As the result of your  
 appeal over \$8000 have been received here for the "Girls  
 Home", "Mrs. McFarland's school and school work in Alaska"  
 exclusive of the money for Mrs. McFarland's salary.



Rev. T. J. Weekes writes from San Juan Island, Washington Territory:

January 17, 1880. When you requested me to write you a full account of my field for publication, I was about doing it when a certain divine advised me to abandon writing for the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian, which advice I thoughtlessly entertained and wrote you (I must confess) an ungrateful letter, which I have since many times regretted.

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New York, P.O. Box No. 3863

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,

Rev. and Dear Sir:

Above we send you a check on the Merchants' National Bank, New York, for \$291.82. The above check is for money received by Mrs. Boyd for Alaska Bells.

Mrs. Langdon for Chicat Bell	\$200.00
Through yourself 41.82 & 50.	91.82
	<u>\$291.82</u>

Dr. Lindsley was paid \$500 Oct. 10, 1877, for salaries of Mrs. McFarland and Philip, by Mr. Eaton, the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions.

Yours truly,

(signed) O. M. Boyd.

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January 1, 1878.

A Circular sent by Rev. Frank F. Ellinwood, D.D., one of the Secretaries of the Board of Foreign Missions to the Woman's Foreign Mission Societies.

This circular was sent out in January 1878 to churches in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, where Dr. Sheldon Jackson was advertised to address a series of meetings in the interest of Woman's Home Missions.

. . . I shall assume, what you and all our intelligent ladies know, viz: that the chief aim of this movement is to make a break in woman's work for (heathen) women. It is the last of many efforts.

1. To secure a diversion to the Home Treasury, when it was found that you could not be turned aside from the help of heathen women to the support of the American men, the desperate cry arose, "Wanted, some actual heathen for the Home Board!"

The Indian and the Chinamen both in "our own country" answered the call.

Dr. Jackson chiefly and all the time, Dr. Dickson on occasion, pushed the matter on.

History (a) of the Chinese movement:

In the Presbytery of San Francisco in 1876, the Chairman of the Home Missionary Committee recommended that the Chinese work should be transferred to the Home Board. It was lost by a large majority.

In the next Synod of California (1876) the same movement was made by the same man. He was charged with acting for the Secretaries of Home Missions, but only in part admitted it.

In Presbytery of 1877, he made the same motion again, and instead of it the Memorial sent to the last Assembly was adopted as a substitute. It went to the Assembly and was placed in the hands of a Special Committee whose able report you read, recommending that the Chinese work continue with the Foreign Board.

Near the close of the Session there was a canvass of Home Mission Secretaries and District Secretaries, and friends of Home Missions. They were not pleased. Dr. Sheldon Jackson had in his pocket a motion for the Assembly to transfer all our Missions in this Country. This was too radical to succeed. Instead of this Dr. Eells was employed to ask Dr. Van Dyke to move a reconsideration and a reference of the whole subject to the two Boards. Dr. Van Dyke says that he made the motion to please a brother moderator.

The Assembly was tired and limp and facile, and impatient to get home. Nobody knew that the Assembly was really being stultified. The motion passed, and since then none can tell what it meant. The Foreign Board asked for a conference with the Home Board in June, and received reply in January.

Meanwhile, after the Assembly, a motion was again made for a transfer, in the Synod of California by Rev. Thomas Frazer,

District Secretary of Home Missions, who was frank enough to say, that he made the motion at the request of Dr. Dickson. It was lost overwhelmingly only two years, both by men who either were or had been District Secretaries of Home Missions.

This emphatic negative gives the last verdict of California.

(b) The Indians. The Standing Committee of Home Missions in the last Assembly discussed the subject of Woman's work among the Indians and reported against it. But in the popular evening meeting for Home Missions, which was attended only by those who wished to hear the advertised speakers, Jackson, Timothy Hill, and others, the report was changed on motion of Mr. Hill, that permission was given the Home Board to open schools in three fields, viz: New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah.

Although the Moderator was in the chair, and it was technically a business meeting, yet it was virtually a Home Mission Meeting.

Both these movements therefore were pushed through at times when the Assembly was not in a position to fairly consider them. If a great body of six hundred men can be led about in that way we have come to a sad pass. As to giving a fair share of support to the much persecuted and impoverished Home Board:

1. Dr. Jackson stated to the Indian Commission at Washington recently that the reason why the Indian work was fast passing from the Foreign to the Home Board was that the Home Board had funds and the other hand not. This was said in presence of two members of the Foreign Board, Dr. Lowrie and Mr. Kingsley.

Behold then! when the appeal is made to the judgment of men, the fat surplus of funds is urged. When dealing with the sympathies of women there is a clamor for a just share of funds. Money is the chief aim of the present campaign of Dr. Jackson of New Jersey, and what is worst of all the winter's gift and toils of Christian women of each church in preparing not less than \$200,000 worth of boxes for Home Missions, are ignored or misrepresented in a recent circular which states that they gave last year but \$11,000 for Home work.

It is true that the Home Board has more funds. The surplus gained by its two Annual Collections would have paid the Foreign debt any time within the last two years.

Last Spring it closed the year with \$65,000 balance, and recently it has received from Mrs. Green \$100,000 more. We received \$50,000 last Spring to fill an abyss. They received \$100,000 to be placed on the high pedestal of a \$65,000 reserve. But it will be said "Oh, yes, but the work will be enlarged". True, and there is a point of great importance.

In the sharp rivalries of Boards the Indian work will probably overdone.. (Among the Chinese there are almost no women; only a few that can be reached by our Women's Homes in two or three cities.

There are but a few points among our Indians where judicious school work can be done. But suppose you get up a state of things in which these few are placed in the scale against the countless millions of all other lands. Suppose that the idea of equality or justice to the Boards (and that is what many chiefly think of) should come to take the place of the world's comparative wants!

You and your sisters have enlisted for the heathen women of your generation, for all of them, and in just proportions; for the few in your country, and the millions abroad. Will you lose sight of your sublime errand to balance funds with Boards? Will you drop one half of what you are doing in distant lands merely to satisfy the ambition of Secretaries? I say then this movement will lead to a most unjust disproportion of work, and to a lavish waste of funds in unpromising Home fields taken up in mere rivalry.

2. It will keep up jealousy and confusion between the Boards, and will so disgust the churches as finally to diminish the total contributions.

Compare the small success of New York's mixed work with that of Philadelphia and Chicago.

3. It will be a real detriment to our Home Mission families by exchanging boxes sent to them direct, for funds sent to New York. It has been an awkward fact always that the very thing that the Secretaries wanted, was that which the Home Missionaries did not want, and vice versa. Money in New York versus boxes of clothing in needy homes, the salary being the same.

This movement would sweep Foreign Mission proper out of the West entirely, and would develop a selfish national church we have not much hold there now. A western lawyer told me that in his Synod, pastors all dependent on the Home Board dared not let Foreign contributions of any amount, nor any others save one, appear in the reports for fear that keen eyes in New York would see them there, and would cut down their next Home Missionary stipend correspondingly.

Your letter and one from Mr. Coan both show that Iowa and Kansas are almost wholly given to Home Missions, but let the Home Board work of Foreign Missions just enough to satisfy the conscience and absorb the little that is given, and we shall need no local hatred of the Heathen Chinese, to extirpate from the Western mind all care for the nations beyond. The spirit of Missions will be bottled up in Arizona or frozen up in Alaska.

5. The disposition of the Home Secretaries to meddle with Foreign Mission work will lead to neglect of their own proper charge. Fifty-eight of our feeble churches were disbanded last year, and over three hundred since the Reunion. A pastor in the West told me that five churches died last year in his Presbytery, and that for want of a proper support. You saw Dr. Morris' article on the decay of churches in Ohio. Sustentation you know is dead, and hundreds think it has been

strangled.

Many of our Synods are taking Home Missions into their own hands, and reserving a part of their funds to use at their own discretion.

Would it not be better to observe the old boundaries, and let each Board do its proper work?

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Rev. Henry Kendall, D.D., Senior Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, sends to Rev. Sheldon Jackson, the following comments on Dr. Ellinwood's letter:

Comments:- (1) Not true. (2) Adroitly put. (3) Not true. (4) Dr. Van Dyke denies it - Dr. Fells was employed. (5) What of it? The report is for the next Assembly. (6) I don't know it. (7) It wasn't about Indians mainly, but Mormons and New Mexicans. (8) Complimentary to all parties. (9) Pleasant sarcasm! (10) Denied by Dr. Jackson. (11) Misleading and unfair. (12) Oh! Oh! (13) Clap-trap! (14) See! (15) How he is trying to prevent it! (16) That's news! (17) Frightful mortality! for which Secretaries are to blame. (18) What is sustentation lugged in for? (19) Not true!

Now, dear Brother Jackson don't publish one word of the letter or use comments thereon! The joint Committee of the Boards are now wrestling over it, and we can afford to leave it in their hands.

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.

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Taos Taos, Co., N. Y.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,  
Dear Brother:-

On my return from the North to-day, I find your letter just arrived. I cannot make use of the Books. Many thanks for remembering us, and our wants. I find it to be a great advantage to have a uniform assortment of books in all the different schools with which I have any connection. Do not send Bro. Darley among the Comja's people. We do not want a Minister there near as much as a teacher. If he be a preacher, he must open a school at once. I do not think that Bro. Darley is the man to teach.

Miss Ross has fifteen pupils, and is doing well. If Miss Pitts does not become discouraged she will soon overcome all obstacles. Have a reasonably good school and do very well. She is an excellent teacher, has a small school as yet, but great prospects for the future.

I have been very busy since I saw you, but will try to write you next week. Kindest regards to wife and daughter.

Yours truly,  
J. M. Roberts.

January 1, 1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,  
Galesburgh, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Send me please eleven Stock Sheets for Building in  
Utah. Enclosed, find two dollars and seventy-five cents.

Please send by return mail,

Yours truly,

Richard S. Holmes,  
Auburn, N. Y.

P. S.-I have paid the \$2.75 to the fund here. Please send me  
the certificate I will fill.

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Maryville, Mo., Jan. 2, 1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:-

I have just received your letter, and will  
visit Trinidad, just as soon as I can make arrangements. I  
have written to the Session, asking what time would suit them  
best.

Could you send me orders for one half fare permits to go  
and return.

Your Brother in Christ,  
A. D. Workman.

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RoSita, Colo., Jan. 4th, 1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,

Dear Brother:-

Gospel shot into the enemy, some have been  
hit. Others are alarmed. The other night, while the whole  
of the opposing army was dancing & carousing, a poor girl came  
well nigh suiciding. It alarmed the whole camp. Where did  
they seek for relief? In the Dance-Hall? Not a bit. They  
started right for the Gospel. Prayer was offered for the  
wounded one. God heard and answered. And will he not use  
this circumstance for his glory? What are the millions of  
Earth, compared with saving the soul from death? Just a little  
more supplies in these Gospel Forts, and what a roar these  
Gospel Weapons will make all through these mountains, and what  
a fleeing there will be of the enemy to the Mountain of the  
Lord-the only sure refuge from the storm.

Now just look about a little and see if the real thing  
can't be sent, and not the promise of it. Why that promise  
coming from the General in command, just sent me down to this  
Fort with a heart full of good cheer. But the good cheer all  
fled when the real thing didn't come. "A little more grape,

Cap't Brag", said old Rough & Ready, and it was just that "little more grape" that gained the victory.

"Just a little more help, Dr. Jackson", and we'll hold the Fort, and gain such a victory as will cause joy among the angels of God. Why our whole desire is to set the church going, bells to ringing here in these mountains, where the church bells was never heard. Just a "little more grape", and the joy will come.

Fraternally & c.,  
W. P. Teitsworth.

January 7th, 1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:-

I am much interested in your account of the Indian mission at Fort Wrangle. I wish I could do more for a people so anxious to help themselves, but I will add I am an invalid entirely dependent on distant relatives for my support, as father, mother, brothers & sisters are all gone, and I am just recovering from another severe illness. No one thought that I could live through, am still confined to the house. Have been for more than four months. Will you pray for your afflicted sister, as my life is spared, may I be able and willing to work for my Master.

I enclose one dollar, and hope others as you will do the same.

Yours & etc.

I have been an invalid for sixteen years, caused by chills I had in the West, while teaching there. If you acknowledge what you receive in the Evangelist, say from Invalid, Chan. Co. N.Y. Enclosed one dollar.

New York, N. Y., Jan. 8, 1878.

Memoranda of the Indian work of the Board of Home Missions.

Rev. J. Elliott,	Muskogee, Ind. Ter. Creeks	1,000.
" T. W. Perryman	Wealaka, " "	500.
" S. A. Stoddard,	Pt. Gibson, " Cherokees	1,000.
" S. Allen	Tahlequah, " "	500.
" A. Barnard,	Omena, Mich. Ojibwas,	500.
" J. Slingerland,	Kosehna, Wis. Stockbridge	125.
" M. G. Mann,	New Tacoma, Wash. Ter. Puyalaps	500.
" H. T. Cowley,	Spokane Falls, " Spekans	25.
Mrs. D. P. McParland,	Pt. Wrangle, Alaska, Alaskans	600.
Philip McKay	" " "	300.
M. F. Williams, M. D.,	New Mexico, Navajo,	1,000.
J. M. Shields	" " Hemez,	1,000.
	For'd	<u>7,050.</u>

Rev. J. Menaul,	Laguna, New Mexico,	For'd 7,050.
Mrs. J. Menaul,	" " "	1,000.
Rev. H.R. Palmer,	Zuni, " "	500.
Mrs. Palmer,	" " "	1,000.
		300.
		<u>\$9,850.</u>

This is a rough copy of a statement which we gave Dr. Lowrie to-day at his request. He intends presenting it at the Indian meeting in Washington to-day-or soon-  
We look for you ere long. We are well.

Yours,  
O.H. Boyd.

Look out for the Home interests at this meeting, or in such a way, as you think best.

Port Wrangle, Alaska.  
January 9th, 1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Col.

Dear Brother:-

Although we have commenced a New Year, we feel sadly broken up and discouraged for God has taken away our beloved Philip. He passed away very peacefully on Friday between Christmas & New Years. I went up to see him Thursday evening He talked very cheerfully to me. Said he thought he only had a few hours to live. I asked him how death seemed to him. He said "As Earth fades away, Heaven grows brighter" His wife was crouched down by the bed weeping. He turned to her and said "Annie you must not cry-Jesus knows what is best". His friends took his body to Fort Simpson to bury it besides his mother and three brothers that were drowned last Summer. The Indians raised enough money among themselves to pay for the Coffin, and to put Pailings around the Grave. I think it was very creditable indeed in them to do so. Almost the last words Philip spoke was to say that he thought that the Christian friends in the East ought to do something for his wife. He said he made the contract for a year in good faith, and that it was no fault of his if he did not fill his contract. I was much surprised to hear him talk so. He said "my wife and little boy will be left without anything to buy Grub with, and it troubles me. "I told him he must not worry about them, that the Lord would take care of them. I asked him if he could not feel willing to leave them in God hands. He said he would try and trust all to Jesus. There was nothing coming to him on salary.

I want to tell you what I have done with the things that I had bought for him. The stove had not been paid for, and



the man was willing to take it back, so I thought it was the best thing could do to return it.. There was two dollars worth of pipe, I gave to Mrs. Dickinson, the chairs and table I told Mrs. Dickinson she could use for the present. I think we ought to give them to her. She let Philip live in part of her house for two months, and did not charge him any rent.. She was at a good deal of expense and they are very poor.. The Oil-cloth cover for the table, Philip's wife took with her.. The Glock I intend to ask Mr. Vanderbilt to take back.. I don't know whether he will or not. I hope I will soon have money to square up all of Philips affairs. I sent you a statement in my last letter of how all these things stand/ During the Holliday the Indians got a good many troubles..

You would not be surprised, if you knew the great quantity of Whiskey that has been made here this Winter.. It had grown so bad that Mr. Denishas enforced the law. He took a possess of men last Thursday, and made a raid on parties that was suspected. They found and distroyed eight distelleries. There has been eighteen in all broken up. Mr. Denis has given warning what they may expect if he finds any more Whiskey being made, either among white men or Indians.. So I hope the troubles are about over. I must describe to you how the Indians observed Christmas. Christmas morning about one o'clock I was awaken by some commotion in my yard. I got up quietly and looked out. There was about sixty of my Indians standing in two lines in front of the house. (It was raining hard, but they had their umbrellas and lanterns.) Just as I peeped out they commenced singing "While shepherds watched their flocks by night" They sang that and another hymn, and then went away very quietly. I thought it was lovely. I did not know that there was anything more to come, but next morning I looked out and saw a large possession filling into my yard.. First come one of my boys carrying a large flag. (I hope before another Christmas some friend in the East will send them an American Flag, It was an English Flag they had this time.) Then came Towciatt the Chief, then the prominent Indian men, next came their wives; then my school. There were over two hundned of them. I stood in my door, and they walked up, first the chief.. He took my hand and said a Merry Christmas and God bless you, and much to my surprise leaned forward and kissed me on the cheek. (Of course he had learned his speach for the occasion as he does not speak English) All the others shook hands and wished me a Merry Christmas, the men and boys all taking off their hats. I wish I could give you a description of their costumes-they were simply wonderful. The boy that carried the Flag was dressed in a Blue Cashmere (light) suit,, with Gilt Stars pasted over it. A fancy hat with rosetts of brightest colors in front.. It seemed to me the most wonderful procession I had ever looked at.. I know I never felt such an interest in any one I had ever seen before..

My school is very full, and I am about as busy as it is

possible for a person to be. Oh ! I do pray the Lord will send us help. There is a good deal of alarm among the Christian Indians here about the Catholic. There has word come from Victoria, that there are two Priests coming here to build a church. I sincerely hope it is not true. But Shoostacks the rich chief you went to see over on that point you remember is very anxious to have them come; and has been sending to Victoria, urging them to come, and urging them and promising how much he will help in building the Church.

One thing I am glad to tell you, we have moved back in the dans house with the school and church. The dans business did not seem to prosper, so they closed the house. I then asked to make the change, and they (Mr. Lear & Mr. Vanderbuilt) were very willing. It is much more comfortable than the old Log House. The packages of papers you send are very acceptable indeed, and I make them do missionary work all over the town.

January 12th. No Steamer yet. We are anxiously looking for it. I was sent for to-day to go to see another of my boys, who had been taken with Hemorrhages, I found him very sick. I hope he may rally from this attack, as he is quite young.

January 15th. The Steamer came in Sabbath morning; and has now gone to Sitka. The mail brought me yours of December 6th from New York, also Mrs. Jackson's letter of same date with another check. It was so kind and thoughtful in her to do as she did about it, and I am so much obliged. I needed the money very much. Can't this be a personal loan, and a business transaction between you and I? Nobody else need to know of it, If you can lend it to me for a few months, until I get out of debt, then I will have a quarter's salary sent you from the Board. I will be very willing to pay interest on it if you wish, for it is a very great accommodation to get it.

I will be truly sorry if we have to wait until next Summer for a minister. I am afraid the people will be entirely discouraged before that time. Now I have a secret I want to tell you. You must keep it to yourself only, it will be best to write to the Board confidentially about it. There is a minister in Iowa by the name of Lockwood, who is anxious to come here. But he is not the man, and I would not have him come for anything. I will tell you all about him when I see you. He will probably write to you, and also to the Board. Last month when Dr. Lindsley wrote me for my report he requested me to state just what had been purchased for Philip, and what he still needed. I made out a full report of all that had been gotten just as I did to you, and said Philip needed a Mattress and a pair of Pillows very much to make them comfortable. This Steamer they sent a wool Mattress costing thirteen dollars, and a pair of pillows costing four dollars. The Burlap they were put up in cost fifty cents. The freight on them was three dollars and thirty-seven cents, making a total of twenty dollars and eighty-seven cents. He also wrote that anything I bought for Philip, or anything he bought must be accounted for

as part payment of salary.. Evidently he does not understand the arrangement you made with Philip. I supposed he did. Philip never had a dollar left at the end of the month. The Mattrass & Pillows are much nicer than any I have, and I want very much to keep them myself if I can get them paid for.. Mr. Vanderbuilt said he will take Phillips clock back. So that leaves nothing but the Table and Chairs, and I do think we ought to give them to Mrs. Dickinson.. They are very poor. Hard time to get along, and she does a great deal to help. She also did a great deal for Philip.

On this Steamer the box for Philip came that I wrote you about. Between you and I it does not amount to much. There are no sheets, pillow cases, towels or any bedding, but three small calico comforts.. There is a new Coat, a new pair of Boots, some socks, one flannel outside skirt and some underclothes. No pants or vest. For Annie there was one Grey Flannel Dress, one Skirt, one Apron, two suits of Underclothes and two pairs of hose. That is all, now I will send Annie the things that come for her, but I do not know what to do with the clothes that came for Philip. I will just keep them for the present. I am sorry there was nothing sent for the little boys.. They are so needy for clothing, and I know Annie has nothing to buy clothing with for them.

Dr. Lindsley writes me that he has secured a teacher for Sitka. A Miss Kellogg of Portland, and now there seems to be some hitch in Col. De Annas appointment or confirmation.. He waits in Victoria until the weather is settled.. I have looked at his letter (Dr. Lindsley), since writing the above, he says she is not absolutely engaged, but he feels she will accept the position. He says, she is well qualified, and will no doubt give satisfaction. About the young men you write about that have offered themselves for Alaska.. No doubt there are many places in Alaska, where they can do good service. Sitka for one. But it does seem to me, we ought to have a man of experience for Trangle. It is such a stronghold of Sin, and so many things to contend against that I fear a young man would not succeed here. During the Winter season we have quite a large white population, and they are of a kind that it well takes a minister of experience and great wisdom to be able to do them any good, or even to get along with them. I had very kind letters this mail from both Mrs. Martin & Mrs. Graham. Mrs. Martin proposed to send us an Organ. The Government will pay the freight to the nearest Military Post, which I suppose is Port Tounsand.. I wish somebody would propose to send us a sewing machine.

Wednesday morning, Mrs. Dickinson has just sent her little girl down to tell me to send you her kind regards.

The Steamer is in from Sitka, so I am in great haste to close up my mail. I hope to hear from you by the next Steamer. what you are able to do for us in the East & etc. Love to

Mrs. Jackson and the little girls.  
Sincerely yours in Christian work,  
A. R. McFarland.

January 10, 1878.

To the Secretary of  
The Board of Indian Commissioners,  
Dear Sir:-

Please bring before the Board in the proper way:-

1. Action towards securing appropriation from Congress for Educational purposes in Alaska to be disbursed by the Commissioner of the National Bureau of Education...
2. Action to secure the fulfillment of article three and six of treaty with the Navajoes. Promising the Building of a Church and School house by the Government.
3. By treaty with the Navajoes, the President of the United States, has a fund of twenty-five to thirty thousand dollars to be used at his discretion for the benefit of that people..

We would like that fund to be used for the establishment and support of one or more industrial schools..

4. An application has been made by the agent of the Pueblos of New Mexico for an appropriation of fifteen thousand dollars for the establishment of three industrial schools. (Hemez-Laguna & Zuni) We would like the endorsement and assistance of the Board of Indian Commissioners..

5. The invitation of Rev. Henry Kendall, D.D., or Rev. Cyrus Dickson, D.D., Secretaries of Board of Home Mission of Presbyterian Church to be present at the next meeting.

If the Board wish information on the first four points, I will be glad to answer questions.

Sheldon Jackson..

Georgetown, Colo., Jan. 10, 1878.

Dear Sir and Brother:-

Your card of eighth came to hand, contents noted. Yesterday, I made what examination I could, but was not able to discover, record of Deeds, I formed papers of incorporation of Idaho. One of my elders is names as incuperator.. Will inquire of him. Please send me full particulars, date of conveyance and etc. Will examine fully.

Yours very truly,  
John Wilson..

Mansion House, Brooklyn, N. Y.,  
Jan. 11th, 1878.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

That I write you truthfully will be perhaps the best evidence of my condition. I am up and dressed, and about the house, and would have road out to day if the weather had been pleasant. Appetite is good, strength gaining daily.

Hope to be at the Office bye and bye, shall try and attend the next meeting of the Board of the twenty-second. I do not know in detail what has been done about the Colorado and New Mexico applications and reconsiderations. Shall find out soon enough perhaps. We should be glad to hear from you before you come up, and see you when you get into this neighborhood. How many appointments have you for New Jersey. Mrs. K. is as well as could be expected, and send regards.

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.

Mansion House, Brooklyn, N. Y.,  
Jan. 11th, 1878.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

I hope to be in the Office some part of Monday next, but if you are to come from Washington, and go out to Hackettstown, I am afraid I shall not see you or have any time with you. I have written to Boyd to give me the exact status at present of Geitsworth, and George Darley and Wilson at Georgetown. If any of the cases in Colorado and New Mexico need straightening out, please state the cases, and leave for me.

2. Inquire of Dr. Dickson and see Gillispies statement about Malad Valley, and the doubt about sending Welch and his Sister there. Read Gillespie's whole letter.

3. The Church Erection, Section of the American Baptist Home Mission Society in the Grant House, 150 Nassau Street, Call on me about the Church property at Boise City, and said said parties there wished to hire the church edifice to have the school in.

I was to sick or forgot to tell you about it when you were here before. You can tell him much more than I can. Please see the man, I forgot his name, and explain and etc. I am now able to see you and talk with you an hour or two, if we should have time.

I hope to be at the Board Meeting Tuesday. If there are crooked cases on hand, please notify me of them, and what the crooks are.

What is the present shape of Bliss's case?

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.

Elizabeth, N. J., Jan. 11th, 1878.

My dear Jackson:- Yours of yesterday is at hand. I have remembered you and your mission at Washington before God's Throne. It is understood at the Home Board that you are to be here. Dickson told me he had no objection if I made the application I have made it, and they speak freely of your coming back for two weeks.

Trusting that you will succeed then, I remain as ever

Yours,  
Wm. C. Roberts.

San Juan, Wash. Jan. 12, 1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,  
Dear Sir:-

When we commence our House of Worship (which we expect to do within six weeks), I will write a letter of general interest for R. M. P. We, at last, have the lime, sand & rock, for foundation. The hardware requisite, the shingles for roof, and have ordered lumber. All that is lacking is about \$400., to meet the entire cost of building. The Board grant \$500. My people contribute labor, with certain materials, and a little cash, and my kind friend Rev. A. L. Lindsley of Portland, Oregon; contributes from his people, between \$300. and \$400. I spent a week with Dr. Lindsley a short time since (my wife being at his home on a visit) The Doctor told me, that you would do as you had promised for us; viz, see to it, that a good sounding Bell was presented for our Mission Church. This will be a great acquisition in summoning the people together for worship, at the proper hour. The Church site is very prominent, overlooking an extensive valley, a church bell, sounded from that point, could be heard by our people on Sabbath morn, who live at a distance of ten miles-on a Mountain side. The few clocks here, keep all sorts of time, thus, bringing some of the people together, an hour before the time, and others, an hour or so after-the advantages of a bell-to ring an hour before Service-will be of great benefit. Do please get us one, of good sound, if possible.

A Mr. Thos. Drummond of Port Townsend, who built Bro. Rice's Church, is going to build ours.

Wishing yourself, with family, A Happy New Year, I am,

Very truly yours,  
T. T. Weekes.

My wife has been stricken down with "Acute Congestion of the Brain", is now improving, and enabled to proceed to her duties in Church and Sabbath School work, with renewed interest. W.

Brooklyn, L.I., Jan. 12, 1878.

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:-

The following is the list of places now arranged for you to address:

Hackettstown -----Jan. 22nd, 1878.

Prayers and Conference at 10.30 a. m.

Ladies Meeting " 3 p. m.

Entertainment " 7.30 p. M.

Entertainment at Rev. Dr. McCauley's. Mrs. McCauley is President of the "Synodical Committee for Woman's work in Home Missions," New Jersey.

ENGLEWOOD,-----January 23rd, 1878.

Afternoon & evening meetings Rev. Henry M. Booth, Pastor.  
Mrs. Ashbel Green of Tenafly one of Committee in Jersey City.

ELIZABETH, Thursday January 24th, 1878.

Noon-day, Prayer Meeting.

Ladies P. M.

Union Meeting, 7.30 p. m. Place mentioned hereafter.

JERSEY CITY, Friday, Jan. 25th, 1878.

Rev. Dr. Imbrie-Grand Street,

Mrs. Dr. H. M. Shelton, Committee. Get address from Directory.

Dr. Fisher's Church, afternoon and evening meetings.

PRINCETON, Sunday, Jan. 27th.

Rev. Dr. Sheldon, Bible Sup't.

Rev. Dr. Green, and Rev. Dr. Murray.

Detail of arrangements not known.

BURLINGTON, Tuesday Jan. 29th, 1878.

MORRISTOWN, Wednesday, Jan. 30, 1878.

Further particulars from Dr. Aikman of Madison.  
Mrs. Aikman Committee.

PATERSON, Thursday Jan. 31st, 1878.

Rev. David Magie, D.D., is Com. of arrangements.

NEWARK, Probably Sunday Feb. 3rd, 1878.

Rev. J. F. Stearns, D.D., Broad Street. (Probably himself

Com. of arrangements.

Mrs. J. P. Wilson, 47 Spruce Street,  
Mr. K. Duncan Kennedy of Bloomfield, Com.

BRIDGETON, Thursday Feb. 5th, 1878.

Rev. M. Beadle, Mrs. M. C. Shephard.

Camden, Wednesday Feb. 6th, 1878.

Rev. Lewis C. Baker.  
Mrs. Wm. Fewsmith. Com.

TRENTON, Thursday Feb. 7th, 1878.

Rev. Dr. Richardson.  
Mrs. Howell-at Judge Scudder's. Mrs. Stade, Com.

FREEHOLD-Friday, Feb. 8th, 1878.

Mrs. Gov. Joel Parker.

PLAINFIELD, Sunday, Feb. 10th, 1878.

Rev. J. C. Bliss)  
Rev. M. Ketcham,) Union Morning Service & etc.

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New Brunswick, N. J.,  
January 14th, 1878.

Dear Sir:-

Allow me the pleasure of introducing to you Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D., the District Missionary or Superintendent for the Presbyterian Church. His field covers a large area of Country, and entails on him severe and exhausting labor, which heretofore for many years he had met marvelous perseverance, excellent judgment and courage.

His object while at the seat of Government, he will state for himself.

Any aid you render him in forwarding that object will I doubt not be sending to your own Church, but to our Common Martre and Lord.

With my best remembrances to Mrs. Randolph, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Wm. R. Janewar,  
Senator Theo. F. Randolph,  
U. S. Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

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Washington, D. C., Jan. 14, 1878.



Washington, D. C.,  
January 14th, 1878.

Hon. Horatio King,  
City.

My dear Sir:-

I beg to introduce to you the bearer Rev. Dr. Jackson. He is giving some interesting talks on Alaska, and it occurred to me that you might desire to have him present and talk fifteen minutes at one of your social reunions on some of the interesting points touching that Country.

Very truly yours,

John Eaton.

U. S. Commissioner of Education.

Portland, Oregon.  
Jan. 14th, 1878.

Rev. S. Jackson, D.D.,  
23-Centre Street, New York, N.Y.

Dear Brother:-

I thank you for the information in your letter from Washington, D. C.; but I postponed my answer to it, as the main point in it, I had already answered in a letter to Drs. Kendall & Dickson. It pertained to sending Mr. Condit to Alaska. The objection to this seemed insuperable. First, Condit's aversion to going. Secondly, the irreparable injury which would have been inflicted upon our Astoria Church by his sudden withdrawal. Twice before within six or seven months, had the Astoria cause been smitten by a dislocation like that proposed. A third one would have been almost fatal, and we had no one to take Mr. C's place.

But I proposed what would meet the emergency, viz: to set Stratton free to go to Alaska, by hurrying Knowles up to Boise City. I hope this has been done.

Other points in that letter of yours, I would be glad to refer to, but I must hasten to answer your last, dated Denver, December 26th.

I have made application for commission for Rev. John G. Brady, for Alaska. I do this on the ground of his being well endorsed by the ministers in New York City, as well as by yourself, but I know nothing about him.

Col. De Ahna's appointment as United States Revenue Collector for Alaska has been suspended. We have more to fear from the machinations of the Alaska Commercial Co., than from any other source.

I must make you a separate communication on this subject.

Your intimations anent applications for Mrs. McFarland & c., lead me to infer that no such applications from me are on file 23 Centre Street. These applications were formally made, while you were on the way to Alaska.

Some plots or miscarriages have come between my desk and the Secretaries' desks, for important facts and letters have not been referred to nor acknowledged.

I send you order for fifty dollars gold.

Faithfully yours,

A. L. Lindsley. (Per J. L.)

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Fulton, Whiteside Co., Ill.

Jan. 15, 1878.

Editor "R. W. Presbyterian",

As the result of reading the appeals in behalf of Alaska in the January number of your paper, especially the letter of Mrs. McFarland, read to my family. I enclose one dollar as subscription from my daughter, Mary Wells, towards erection of chapel & Home at Fort Trangle, Alaska.

If this entitles her to certificate, as per sample in your paper, please send it to my address. I shall endeavor to have the matter brought at an early day before our Sunday School.

Payton Trask is our very efficient Sunday School Superintendent to whom specification or publications may be sent. He spent several months with Mr. Woodward, R. R. Agent in Denver.

Yours truly,

D. R. Wells,

Pastor Pres. Church.

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Pueblo, Colorado.

January 18, 1878.

Mrs. S. Jackson,

Dear Friend:-

Rev. R. A. Fuller, who is here now, wishes to go to Trinidad to see the Church, and arrange to supply them with preaching, if the way be clear. He wishes to know whether there is any one gone or going there, and whether the field is open for him. Please answer direct to him at Pueblo.

There is quite a work of grace in progress here, I am helping Brother Holm.

Yours truly,

H. B. Gage.

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Philadelphia, Pa.,

January 19, 1878.

My dear Mr. Jackson:

I received your letter of the 17th yesterday,

saw Miss Chester of Dr. Boardman's Church, read it to her, and she thinks a meeting could be arranged in that Church; is to let me know.

I saw Mrs. Wanamaker of Bethany, she would like a general meeting held in their Church, Wednesday evening, Feb. 13th.

I thought is a West Philadelphia ladies meeting could be held, also it might advance the cause of donation Missions. If two meetings could be arranged for Tuesday in the City, and one Wednesday in West Philadelphia, and at Bethany in the evening, could you give that much of your time?

Beyond increasing the interest in Home work, I would rather work in the great West, what do you propose? I should not be in favor of making this a part of the Woman's work in foreign fields. It creates confusion. What is your idea? If you propose to form a Board of Home Missions or supply to add interest and energy to organizations already existing? The women engaged in the Foreign Board have their hands full. We doing all they can. I think there is a large field for effort in women in supplying women teachers for the West. Can't that be accomplished without new machinery? I would like to know your views. Talk this over. Can you come to see me?

We would be glad to entertain you if you are not too strongly drawn to your old home. Mrs. Neukirks will be able to give you more information than I can. I probably can give you the names of women that will take this matter in hand. I believe you are to be in Trenton on the seventh of February.

My daughter, Mrs. Wilson, said this, and I will try and attend that meeting.

As soon as I know what arrangements can be made, I will write to you. Meantime, I would like further light.

Yours,

T. M. Dickson.

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United States Senate Chamber, D.C.  
January 20th, 1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

My dear Sir:-

I extremely regret that your letter of yesterday with enclosures did not reach my eye until three p. m. to-day, and therefore too late to enable me to hear you on Alaska to-day at Elen.

Your letter with a very large mail came last evening, but owing to several engagements was not opened until afternoon of to-day.

I have read with much interest your interesting letters. I will be pleased moreover to see you at your convenience,

Very respectfully,

John H. Mitchell.

Philadelphia, Pa.

January 22nd, 1878.

My dear Friend:-

Your proposal to address the Ladies of Philadelphia on Home Missions was brought before "The Ladies Hospital", composed of members of our several Churches. They will be glad to meet you at the time in Reverend Dr. DeWitt's Church, twelfth and Walnut Streets as the most central.

Should it be advertised in the papers, or will it be satisfactory to give notice from the Pulpit.

Yours with Christian Regards,  
 Esther M. Newkirk,  
 1014-Race Street.

-----New York, N. Y.

January 22nd, 1878.

My dear Dr. Jackson:-

The first Sabbath of February is a communion Sabbath at my Church; and I have already invited Dr. Adams to occupy the pulpit in the morning.

What are your engagements for the third or fourth Sabbath of February? Could you give me the morning of either of these Sabbaths for the presentation of the Home Work? I am,

Very cordially yours,  
 W. J. Tucker.

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 San Juan River, New Mexico,  
 January 22nd, 1878.

Mr. Sheldon Jackson:-

Will you please send to my address a few numbers of the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian. I am satisfied that the greater portion of the families on this River do not feel able to subscribe for your paper.

The second Sabbath in this month we neighbors organized a Sunday School. We number nineteen.

My mother Mrs. E. L. Covert, donated us with a half dozen Gospel Hymns and Testaments & Psalms. We have a supply of tracts from the Society, so we are pretty well equipped for beginners. Providence permitting and assisting, we will have an interesting Sunday School.

The Rivers San Juan and Animas are being settled up very fast. I anticipated seeing a move made by the Presbyterian Board ere this. I hope it will not be long before we have a Church established here. This is destined to be a prosperous part of the World I think.

As you are much of a Naturalist, you would enjoy a visit at the Astec Ruins on both this and Animas Rivers, of which you no doubt have read much of.

I will be pleased to receive a call from you at any time

at my house, which is located four miles below the mouth of  
Canyon Largo.

Yours very respectfully,  
Isaac H. Covert.

Animas City, LaPlatta Co., Col.

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Corinne, Utah,  
January 22, 1878.

Dear Brother:-

I see by the Presbyterian you are busily at work for us. May you have large success. The first payment on the Brigham City property was made by Dr. J. W. Graham, Willis Booth of Brigham City and myself \$300., with the expectation that it would soon be refunded and no interest charged. I have since given my note to them at two per cent, payable February 1st.

If you will send me three months' interest eighteen dollars, principal three hundred dollars, expense of seating and traveling sixty-one dollars and seventy-five cents, less amount received from Board thirty dollars, making a total of three hundred and forty-nine dollars, and seventy-five cents, (\$349.75) you will greatly relieve me from this burden. The second payment of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.) falls due April 1st. I am very sorry that the Board is so cautious about taking this school work under their charge. They evidently look upon the General Association action as advice rather than command. We are watching with great interest the action of Congress in reference to legislation for Utah. The Territorial legislature, all polygamists have up an election law, and the Tribune says, will pass a law prohibiting polygamy before the close of the Session, simply to have the glory of doing themselves what they see Congress is about to do for them.

Mr. Safford, Congressman at Ogden, has resigned and returned East. As far as I can learn the place is again open to us, and we will be welcomed. Mr. Bruce, Mr. Lowe and his shops here are expecting to go there next summer. They have have been fully one half my support. I have written to McIlre about it. If Mr. Welsh and Sister will come on, it is suggested by Dr. Dickson that one should occupy Brigham City.

Let me hear from you. All well.

S. S. Gillispie.

P.S.--Those who were willing to go to Brigham City, have declined from the opposition to be encountered just now. They have Scarlet Fever and Dyptheria there to an alarming extent. While Ogden is quarantined on account of Small Pox.

I have failed in all my attempts to get any one to go to Brigham City to open the action there I have been sickly. Just now Small Pox is at Ogden.

My work has been encouraging, one hundred and nine in Sunday School. A large Chinese Class, and all services well attended.

Very truly,  
S. S. Gillispie.

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Washington, D. C.,  
January 23, 1878.

Dear Brother:-

Your card received. Meeting will be arranged for Thursday, Jan. 14th. Do you want the night meeting in my Church? Moorehouse will not be here until Feb. 20th.

Yours,  
J. T. Kelly.

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Las Vegas, New Mexico,  
January 23rd, 1878.

Dear Friend:-

It has been my purpose to write to you since your visit to New Mexico; but prolonged sickness in my own family and of others has prevented me. I have wished to write and assure you that we regretted very much that circumstances were such that we could not have the pleasure of a visit from you, and all the members of your party. As for Laura it appeared as if she could not relinquish the idea that you would come. We had a long siege of sickness, but have been pretty well since our recovery.

Laura began School Oct. third, with very few scholars, but it has been increasing until she now has about forty pupils. It is necessary for Rebecca to assist her. This seems strange to a person unfamiliar with New Mexico Schools. It is impossible to classify here as in the East. Many of the children come irregular, and there is a great variety of capacity among them.

The Jesuits are doing all in their power against us in every possible way. Mr. Annin's Spanish Paper, which is doing a great work, makes them very angry.

Protestantism is certainly gaining ground in the Territories, but not in the larger towns as far as we can learn. More good is being accomplished in the country where the people are less under priestly influence. Mr. A. is expecting to organize a church near Mora, within a few days.

A Mexican has brought his wife to us as a boarding pupil. She is fifteen years of age. Did not know her letters when she came. She is quite pretty and tidy in person and dress. She and her husband encountered great opposition

in her coming here. We also have two other Mexican girls in our family attending school, who will eventually be Teachers among their people. One of these girls has been with us three years, is about ten years of age, reads Spanish and English very well, writes pretty good, and has some knowledge of Arithmetic and Geography. Her parents have recently made an effort to get two daughters out of the convent in South Fee, but have failed. They have been in the Convent six years.

How were you pleased with New Mexico? Did you ever see a more forlorn looking country? I hope in five or ten years there will be a change for the better; that there will come a different class of people, who will aid in the evangelisation of New Mexico, instead of retarding it as many who are now here do with their sceptical views.

Two Mexican men have just come from quite a distance, and will spend the night with us, and I must close. We have a great deal of such company which is quite a tax on us.

When your husband the Doctor met Mr. A. at Presbytyria, he asked Mr. A., if we would like a box. We replied yes. My answer would have been the same. We need one. Our salary is small, and we have an expensive family. We clothe the two Mexican Girls. Will you interest yourself in the matter.

Hoping that we may have the pleasure of seeing you and yours sometime, I remain,

Truly yours in great haste,  
E. D. Amin.

P.S.-The family sends its love to all.

Elizabeth, N. J.,  
Jan. 24, 1878.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,  
Dear Sir:-

I am very glad to know you will probably be here on Saturday the 19th inst. If you will send a "Postal" giving the hour of your arrival, I could no doubt meet you at Dr. Roberts, which would save you time and health.

February third (Sunday) is taken up at Newark. So I now believe. It seems important you should give February tenth to Plainfield, for some of the best workers in the state are there.

Please add to your list Burlington for Tuesday, Jan. 29th. Sunday the 27th is at Princeton, quite convenient.

At Hackettstown, Mrs. McCauley proposes a women's meeting for prayer and conference, besides the two others. This makes a most encouraging beginning.

Yours respectfully,

F. E. H. Haines.

Elizabeth, N. J., January 24th, 1878.

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The Church for the meeting at Jersey City is Rev. Mr. Fisher's not Dr. Intiry.

Afternoon service at two o'clock.

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27-West 46th Street, New York, N. Y.,  
January 25th, 1878.

The Rev'd Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,  
My dear Friend:-

Next Sabbath a. m. is the time for our annual collection for Home Missions. Perhaps it is a providence that you can take my Pulpit then. I have always presented this, and every other cause myself. You are the first man I have put into my Pulpit in the morning for years! I want my people to hear you. Unfortunately our Sunday School Missionary (supported by my Sunday School) is to occupy my Pulpit in the evening; but you will have the first and best chance.

My service begins at eleven a. m., not ten and a half. You can either meet me at the Church or at my house when I leave ten forty-five. It is important to dismiss the congregation at twelve-thirty, but otherwise you will be quite free. I would only suggest that what you know about Alaska will be of special interest. Utah will perhaps come next; but I leave all to your judgment.

Had you not better dine with me after Church? Suit your convenience about that.

May your words to us come with the divine blessing.

Very truly yours,

T. S. Hastings.

My Church is on forty-second Street, between fifth and Sixth Avenues. Please ask Mr. Eaton to send me some card for the pews.

(Telegram)

O. D. Eaton:

Presbyterian House,  
23 Centre St., New York, N. Y.  
Jan. 25th, 1878.

Can I depend on Dr. Jackson for Sabbath morning, twenty-seventh.  
Thos. S. Hastings.

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Elizabeth, N. J.,  
January 25th, 1878.

Dr. Jackson,  
Dear Sir:-

The Union Missionary Society (Miss Dorman) is very strong at Princeton. On this account, the way is perhaps



now open their than elsewhere for Presbyterian Women to take up work in this Home Education; peculiar to themselves-with no friction with Presbyterian Foreign Missionary Societies. I wish you could call on Mrs. Professor Guyot, who is a niece of Mrs. Con. I got her interested.

Probably no member of our Synodical Committee will be present at the Princeton meeting. Mrs. Guyot would be able perhaps to bring the matter to a point.

I enclose to you a copy of the resolutions adopted in other places. Not perhaps in exact wording but virtually correct. I sent the same to Mrs. Professor Packard in view of statements made by Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson as to distributions in our own country, some of which, christian women of the Presbyterian Church seemed called of God alone to supply. Therefore:-

1. Resolved,-that the christian women belonging to the churches in \_\_\_\_\_ endeavor to raise at least \_\_\_\_\_ towards the support of a teacher in Alaska, Utah or \_\_\_\_\_ elsewhere, to be under the care of the Board of Home Missions.

2. Resolved,-That our christian sisters be invited to unite their hearts in a concert of prayer every sunday morning before Service, for a blessing on the cause of Christ in our own land.

In two places, in place of the first resolution, the women of every church were to be consulted by their representatives present, or by the Secretary pro-tem, as to what they would try to do towards supporting a teacher, in connection with others.

The second resolution was adopted by a rising vote. It needs explanation-that we can raise our hearts in prayer, while preparing ourselves and children for church. You may have to stay yourself at the Annex Meeting, unless you meet some ladies to take charge of it.

You will notice quite a lapse, January 29th to February 1st. These places may yet be filled up; but I am afraid Orange will fall through. February 1st, is proposed to Newton, but I have no word as yet.

You will be intrusted to read the replies. I hope you can get to Elizabeth by Monday night or sooner; so as to see Dr. Roberts before you start on this Missionary tour. May it be blessed to the churches as well those of Paul.

Yours truly,

F. E. H. Haines.

P.S.-Dr. Roberts promises to attend at least two or three of these meetings with you. (D.V.)

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Carlisle, Penna.

Carlisle, Penna.,  
Jan. 26th, 1878.

Dear Brother Sheldon:-

Your letter is just received. We are glad to know that you are coming. I will try to get the Committee of Home Missions to "Father" the convention; but if I can not, I will try to get you as fair a hearing as possible on Saturday, February 16th in our Church. I am not on the Committee of Presbyterian on Home Mission, which is located at Harrisburg. I am on the Committee of Foreign Missions which is located in Carlisle. But I will go down to Harrisburg, and do all I can for you and the cause.

Would it not be well to have Dr. Dickson and Dr. Kendall write personally to Dr. Robinson on the subject?

Yours affectionately,  
George Norcross.

Georgetown, Colo.,  
January 26, 1878.

Rev. S. Jackson, D. D.,  
Dear Sir & Brother:-

I have been preaching every Sunday afternoon at Lawson since I saw you and Dr. Kendall in Recently I spent two days their looking over the ground, making personal calls and etc. I find about twenty persons there and up on the Mountain, who will go into an organization of a Presbyterian Church. It may be that a few of these might draw back, since they are not by education, Presbyterians. But I think fifteen at least are decided, and possibly the whole number.

There will be no difficulty in getting lots on which to build a church and from the way the people talk, I think we can get money enough to build a neat little church. Tomorrow I will take Sub papers with me, and put them into the hands of some of the most active ones there. There is in Lawson no hall nor school house, and the most of the time, since I began school there, Middle of October, we have used an unfurnished room over a store. Very cold and uncomfortable.

Now I wish to inquire the law here as to a new organization. I am familiar with the rules in the Book and Digest, but out here, have you not the authority to perfect such organization without making request to Presbytry? Of course we have no objection to making that application, save that it will delay the work till in May or June, and I feel that we ought to strike a stake as soon as possible; for if we delay, the Methodist Episcopal Church will send a local to work up the field.

Please let me hear from you as soon as convenient, and I will be guided by your advice.

We have not heard anything from Dr. Kendall or the

Board, since I saw you. Is he not improving in health?  
 Very sincerely yours,  
 John Wilson.

Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Jan. 28, 1878.

My dear Mrs. Dickson:-

Mrs. Wanamaker spoke to me yesterday of your desire to have Sheldon Jackson speak in Bethany. It will be a great pleasure to me, and to all our people to have him speak on Wednesday Evening, February 13th; and, if possible, I wish he could preach for me once on the Sabbath previous, if he is to be in the City, although I believe that he is not to be here until the eleventh.

Faithfully yours,  
 J. S. Miller.

Philadelphia, Pa.  
 January 28th, 1878.

My very dear Friend:-

Mr. Miller is rejoiced at the prospect of having Dr. Jackson for the thirteenth of February.

Can we get him for any Sunday during that month, do you know?

With love and many thanks,  
 M. B. Wanamaker.

Helena, M. T.,  
 January 28th, 1878.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,  
 My dear Sir:-

I have made the trip to Miles City and have returned. I did not organize a Church, because there was not material sufficient. Five Church members in the whole Town. These would have been sufficient had they been good ones.

One was a Methodist, who had been Bar-tender in a Saloon. Two were Episcopalians. Ladies, a little doubtful in reputation, and two were Baptists not willing to come in at once. I organized a Sunday School with Mr. George M. Miles as Superintendent. He is a nephew of General Miles, a Baptist. I have sent him material with which to carry on the School.

The Town is not much of a place as I had been led to suppose. Yet, it is a very important point, and will very soon be the centre of a large population.

The Port, that is, Fort Keogh, is a large one. Thirteen companies. There are very many fine people there. Gen. Whistler's wife and daughters are Presbyterians, sister of Rev. Mr. Hall of Plattsburgh, N. Y. I held service at the Fort once, and three times in the Town; had large audiences at all of them. The Town Corporation Company have promised a site for a Church. A good man could find plenty to do between the Fort and the Town. There is no Minister now at either place. He would be aided very much at the Fort in pecuniary matters. It would not do to send any one there, unless he were a man of some experience.

The Yellow Stone Valley is one of the largest and finest in the Territory. It is rapidly filling up with settlers. There are a few Presbyterians in the Valley. A good man could find plenty to do for the Master.

I made the trip in some discomfort, part of the way it was very cold. The distance from Helena is about four hundred and fifty miles or nine hundred the round trip. Richards and Cuttender are both well. I shall stay here now for a few weeks. Mr. A. T. Williams, one of the elders here was killed a few days ago, while blasting a big log. He was one of the best men in Montana. He leaves a wife and young child. They are poor. His home was at Jefferson, twenty miles from Helena. Mr. Norvall has declined the invitation to supply the Pulpit for the year 1879. Just now those who were opposed to me, are about the worst used up set of folks you ever saw. This morning, one of these families were burned out of house and home. I at once started a subscription for them. I secured a house for them free of rent, and a team to move them. It is the Emerson family. I did not wish to hurt them, but I thought a few "Coals of fire" might do them good.

I am satisfied, that if this congregation were called upon to act on the matter of my resignation to-day the minority, would be small, very small. I hope they will get a good man soon. Do what you can for them. I am sure however, it would be a mistake for Rev. W. C. Remmel to return to this field, both for himself and for the Church.

Mr. Cook writes, that he is getting along well. I think the Presbytry will say to Russel "go to Butte". I have an invitation to a Church East, and unless I am appointed to the general work, I shall consider the matter. I do not think I would care to work in the West, unless I remain in Montana.

What about your Alaska scheme? Praying for the success of our Lord's Kingdom. I remain,

Sincerely yours,

J. D. Hewett.

Plainfield, N. J.,  
January 28th, 1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,  
Dear Brother:-

According to the arrangements with Mrs. Haines, you are to be here on the second Sabbath of February (10th); and I write now to know your idea as to the services for that day.

Our two Churches think of uniting in a joint service in my Church (over twice the size of the other) in the morning. This will insure your being heard by nearly all in our two congregations. Especially the New York business men, who make up our main strength, and many of whom can not be reached at any other time.

Then we think of a joint meeting of our two Sunday Schools in the afternoon for you to address the young people. This also to be in my Church. and in the evening a general meeting (which would not be so large) in the other church. What say you to either plan? It can be changed in any way you may deem best. Please let me hear from you at once on receipt of this, that we may be able to complete our arrangements.

I shall expect you together with the Haines to be my guest on arrival at our Station. Any of the hacks there will bring you to my house for the sum of twenty-five cents, or, if you prefer a walk of one half a mile, almost any one will direct you a right.

Yours in haste,

John C. Bliss.

Pastor 2nd. Pres. Church

Harrisburg, Penna.,  
January 28, 1878.

Rev. George Horcross,  
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Brother Horcross:-

In part, let me answer your letter of to-day by saying that I must get our Committee on Home Missions together, before I can say what they will advise in the matter of a convention.

As for myself two or three things lead me to doubt the wisdom of it.

1. I am not convinced that the General Assembly took a wise course last year in allowing the Board to establish Schools, employ Teachers, and call upon the women of the Church to undertake the work of supporting them.

2. We are, in the Presbytery of just organizing societies of women for Foreign work. Things are as yet well nigh chaotic. Order is slowly emerging out of confusion; but it

will take two or three years more to get things in thorough working order in all our Churches. To introduce now a new order of societies, and lay upon our women the burden of thought and care, and raising of funds for a new sphere of work, would be disastrous to everything. I am confident it would be a decided injury. Let our women get thoroughly at work systematically, before they are confounded by new field and work.

3. Most of our Churches are already, that is, the women in them doing more for Home Missions than for Foreign. My Church does twice or thrice as much through their boxes of valuable clothing and the money they always send in them. I might say more-but will not-I will see the rest of the Committee and report. I do not think however they will favor a convention. If Dr. Jackson could meet us at our next Presbytery, and let the Ministers and Elders freely and fully discuss it, I think it would be better-very much-We are busy now in our visitations, but few of us could be there probably very few of the women would come, as our experience in Foreign Mission Conventions demonstrates.

Confer with some of the wiser heads than mine through the valley and get their ideas.

Yours fraternally,  
T. H. Robinson.

Philadelphia, Penna.,  
January 28, 1878.

My dear Friend:-

I enclose the notes from Bethany, and add that Mr. Dana, of the West Walnut Street Church, desires that you give him a Sabbath service, instead of a week day one. Can you give a Sabbath Service to Bethany and Mr. Dana?

Yours truly,  
T. H. Dickson.

New York, N. Y.,  
January 29th, 1878.

Dear Mr. Jackson:-

Are you free to speak at my meeting tomorrow evening at eight in the Chapel.

It will serve us all pleasure to see and hear you.

Affectionately,

A. R. Booth.

University Pres. Church.

Please reply by return mail.

Carlisle, Penna.,  
January 30th, 1878.

Dear Brother Sheldon:-

Enclosed I send you a letter from Dr. Roberts, who is the Chairman of the Committee of Home Missions in the Presbytery. You will see that it is a little obstructive.

We held a Convention in Carlisle last Spring, at which a Woman's Presbyterian Society for Foreign Missions was organized. It has reorganized itself about twice since, and had finally concluded to have an annual Meeting in 1879. One of Dr. Robert's ladies is President of this, and you see about what he thinks of the present condition of that Association. But I think you would do well to come on and try to see the Committee at Harrisburgh as you come through. If you think best, I will have a Meeting of Presbyterian ladies called on Saturday, February 16th, and have you address them on the importance of this new work. I can not promise that it will result in the immediate organization of a Home Missionary Ladies Society, but, all we can do is to "Keep pegging away", It will come in the end.

We are all about as usual. I have consulted this morning with Mrs. Julia Mc. Naif Wright and we agreed that it would be best to submit the whole matter to you in this way. Let us hear from you soon. Mr. J. McNaif Wright is anxious you should come and promises that she will do all in her power for Home Missions.

Affectionately yours,  
George Norcross.

Philadelphia, Pa.,  
January 30th, 1878.

My dear Friend:-

I called at the Board of Publication this morning to secure the audience room on the morning of the twelfth for you to hold a general meeting of the ladies of Philadelphia. Mr. Black informed me it was always occupied on that day, and proposed the next morning Wednesday-I rode out to see Mrs. Dickson-She proposes to hold a meeting on Tuesday afternoon in Dr. Dana's Church, as the ladies go out there the after part of the day, and on Wednesday morning at eleven o'clock, to address the ladies of Philadelphia in the audience room. It will secure a large attendance as it has become a general place for them to meet.

The arrangements we made was this-To address Ladies in Dr. Dana's Church on Tuesday afternoon at the hour you may name, and on the evening of that day to hold a general meeting in Dr. De Witt's Church. On Wednesday morning at eleven o'clock to meet the Ladies in the Audience Room, 1334-Chestnut Street; on the same evening the thirteenth, hold a

general meeting at Bethany Church. Mrs. Whillden will aid us.

I expect to extend the invitation to the Germantown Churches. A number of influential Presbyterians reside there. They have five Churches.

Mrs. Miller will be glad to have you call to see her. She resides at 1230-Spruce Street, and will be at home on Tuesday.

Please write the notice for us, as you would like it printed and read out from the Pulpits. It shall have a general circulation.

With Esteem yours in Christ,  
 Esther M. Newkirk.  
 1014-Race Street.

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 Philadelphia, Pa.,  
 January 31st, 1878.

Dear Dr. Jackson:-

Mrs Newkirk was here yesterday, proposed that she would exchange services; have you in our Church West Walnut Street, Tuesday afternoon the twelfth, and at Presbyterian Board Rooms Wednesday morning. She told me she proposed having you prepare your own notice for Pulpit and Press. So we wait. Mr. Dana is anxious to have you for a Sabbath Evening Service. Could you give either the tenth or the seventeenth. Either would suit him.

I forwarded Mrs. Miller's letter from which you learn that you address Bethany, Wednesday Evening the Thirteenth and that she desires a Tuesday Service. I would like to see you or hear from you in advance, as to what you propose doing. I am opposed to any women of \_\_\_\_\_ and Foreign Missions in women's as well as men's work.

I think we can co-operate with New York Home Society and do not send another organization.

Yours,  
 T. M. Dickson.

P.S.-Mrs. Martin is now in Albany. I will try and get her here.  
 Yours, T.M.D.

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 New York, N. Y.,  
 January 31, 1878.

J. L. French, Esq.,  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Herewith please find the passes for your friend Rev. Mr. Sheldon Jackson, which will carry him all right. But please bear in mind that the Sitka Steamer will probably make no more trips after July.

Yours truly,  
 George K. Otis.



February 1, 1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,  
Galesburg, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

The attacks in the Evangelist are weak, and in very bad taste. A wrong course is always weak and in bad taste. However they attack the Committee, and the Committee is the party to reply. For a third party to rush to the rescue will suggest a weakness somewhere. The most perfect rebutted will be for the Committee to indicate its own executive strength. This duty of reply is the Secretary's. She is the woman to fight the battle, and she ought to be able to do it handsomely and conclusively.

If you remember this attacking party is the very one which these ladies allowed to hinder them for six months in organization, and whose beautiful proposition some of them wanted to accept. Our Committee has a battle before it, and it might as well acquire back-bone now as ever. A good Organization in Carlisle Presbytery for Home, and thirty dollars from ladies to Alaska refuge.

J. Mc. N. Wright.

Bloomfield, N. J.,  
February 2nd, 1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,  
New York, N. Y.

Arrangements for tomorrow evening agreeable. Dr.  
Kennedy will entertain you.  
(Telegram) H. W. Ballantine.

February 4th, 1878.  
Allegheny, Pa.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,  
Dear Sir:-

Arrangements are made for you to hold meetings in Pittsburg and Allegheny February 19th, the date you wrote me. So we will expect you. Confidentially-will have it announced in the Banner, and in the Saturdays' papers. Will that be enough for the papers? Also, from the pulpits. Wish you could be here on Sabbath?

Let me warn you to say nothing against Foreign Missions as the ladies here will take the alarm. I was amused at one Reverend saying to me, "I hope Mr. Jackson does not intend to interfere with the Ladies Foreign Mission work. I assured him otherwise.

Respectfully,  
E. J. Paxton.

Princeton, N. J.,  
February 5th, 1878.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,  
My Dear Doctor:-

I understand that we shall have the pleasure of hearing you Monday next in Princeton on the quite talk of Home Missions .

Mrs. Guyot and myself would be much gratified if you would accept our hospitality during your stay in our place.

Please answer in the affirmative, and if possible tell us by what train we may expect you.

Very sincerely yours,  
A. Guyot.

Coville, Penna.,  
February 6th, 1878.

To The Board Of  
Home Mission Presbyterian Church.  
Dear Brethren:-

I received this day your commission as Teacher of the Mission School at Hemez New Mexico. I now write for information so as to be able to tell you promptly whether or not I can accept your Commission.

Dr. Jackson wrote me last fall, among other things that the salary would be about twelve hundred dollars. I then met the Doctor in Allegheny, and told him that if I was appointed I would go, and that by the Grace of God, I would pursue the work with earnestness and fidelity. If I know my heart, I think I have been in earnest in this whole matter, and if I ever go, the best and truest efforts of an earnest life shall be devoted to the work. But, if I go, I must leave property, friends, social enjoyments, educational advantages for my family, and I must leave a practice and a home which makes my family comfortable and happy. This I am willing to do, but I ask you, could I go and keep my family on four hundred dollars. Please tell me if this all I am to expect. Will the Board pay our way to the field?

This Commission is not dated except, (New York, 1877) What is to be the date of it, and when would you want me to go?

Please tell me if Dr. Jackson is still in the East.  
Hoping to hear from you by return mail, I am,

Very truly yours,  
J. M. Shields.

Coville, Penna.,

Covode, Penna  
February 8th, 1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,  
Dear Sir:-

After many days I received a Commission. It is not dated except (New York 1877), and calls for twelve months of service, and allows a compensation of four hundred dollars. I wrote for some explanations, but it is not at all likely I will be able to accept such a Commission.

You wrote me that the salary would be twelve hundred dollars, which would be none to much, if a man had to pay his way to the field, or if the Board paid it. I received one of my Railroad permits already, and it is limited to twenty days, and I presume the others will be limited. I cannot go unless there is some difficult way of doing business, and I am afraid the whole matter will be a failure. If I know my heart I am willing to go. I could leave everything that I would have to leave, and could endure privation and difficulties cheerfully for the Cause of the Master who endured so much for me. But I must provide for my family, and would be worse than an infidel if I did not. We have an excellent home and a good living here, and four hundred dollars would hardly take us to Hernex, and fix us up, if we got it at all in advance.

I am sorry and discouraged and disappointed, and yet it seemed to me this good, while that there must be something wrong, or the Board would never have been so slow to act.

I hope you will feel kindly towards me for I want to do what is right. You have had much bother too with this matter, and I thank you for the kindness you have shown me all the time.

Accept my kindest and best wishes,  
Yours truly,  
J. M. Shields.

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Carlisle, Penna.,  
February 9th, 1878.

Dear Brother Sheldon:-

You are duly announced in the papers to address the ladies of the Presbyterian Church in Cumberland Valley on Saturday February 16th at eleven o'clock a. m., and two-thirty p. m. on the subject of HOME MISSIONS AND WHAT WOMEN CAN DO FOR THEM. I have sent this notice and invitation to the pastors in the Valley, and also put it in our Town papers.

The Committee at Harrisburg finally threw all the responsibility on me, and I have done the best, that is, under the circumstances.

We shall expect you Friday fifteenth. Enclosed I send you an invitation. All well.

Affectionately,  
George Norcross.

Geneva, N. Y.,  
February 11th, 1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,  
Dear Brother:-

Yours received. I am quite willing to go to "Rawlings", as you intimated in a previous letter. Hence you can have the Commission issued for "Rawlings and vicinity" Though I can't see how the Commission can be filled out till we know much can be collected on the field.

I would by all means include the vicinity, and I hope you will instruct th Board that such is to be the nature of my mission. Then in case one of the adjoining fields is vacant at any time, I can minister to both.

You are well aware that I have no knowledge of this particular field, and as I shall go there on your recommendations, you will have to assume the responsibility as to its being an eligible site for a Presbyterian Church. I presume there is no Church Building in the Town, of our denomination at least.

I will keep an exact account of my travelling expenses from Geneva to Rawlings and report the same to the Secretaries, and if they should send me any two much, I will deduct the same from the salary for quarter number one. This seems to me like a business way of putting this matter, for it would seem difficult to determine beforehand the precise amount needed. Hence I trust you will see that I am furnished enough for all the journey, and then I can proceed to my destination without delay. You know the route so well that perhaps you had better mention to the Secretaries the amount needed for the various items, as it would be most unfortunate, if they should cut me short. I shall take the first train after the funds arrive, and I trust you will see that they are sent at once.

Yours & c.,  
George N. Smith.

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Fort Wrangle, Alaska,  
February 12th, 1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,  
Dear Brother:-

I suppose you are at home by this time. I am anxiously waiting for the mail. Hoping to hear from you and to hear that you have been able to do something for us while you were East. I will say right here, lest I forget it, that we are all much obliged for the circulars you sent us, giving a description of Alaska and the Indians. Mr. Vanderbuilt wished me to ask you if you could spare him two or three more. I would also like a couple more if you can let me have them as well as not.

We have been getting along pretty well since I wrote

you last month. Of course I am crowded with work. My school is very full, and having every thing else to look after, keeps me very busy.

I want to tell you how I have been engaged a part of this week. You know there is no law here, and there being no church organization or church laws of any kind, there is no restraint to any body. Neither those who called themselves Christians or the Heathen Indians. Sometime ago some of the Christian men got together and decided that the three most prominent and active men among them Toy-a-att, Moses, and Matthews should look after any troubles that may come up, and punish all who deserved it. It worked well for a while, but Shust-Taks the wicked chief who lives over on the point told the Indians these men had no authority. Told them that I had nothing to do with it, and that they need not pay the fines unless they wished. So last Saturday night my men came to me and wanted me to have a meeting on Monday and write out some laws for them. I did not have a School on Monday, and had a very full meeting of Indians at the School-house. Had a great many long speeches, and did not get through until five o'clock. It was then getting dark. I had written out some laws, which all were much pleased with. I proposed that we would have a recess until morning, and I would take home what I had written and copy it off, and bring it back for them to sign their names to it, but the next morning at day-break, Thus-Taks came out on his point, at day-break, as he always does when he has anything to say to the Indians on this side. He made a great speech, telling them that he knew all about what he had been doing the day before, and how I was trying to make war between he and the other Indians. When we met at the School-house, we thought we would send over an invitation to Shus-Taks to be present, and read to him our laws we had made on the day before. To let him know how he was mistaken, and try if possible to make friends with him. He came, bringing five of his men with him. We also invited Mr. Dennis to be present. I had the first talk with Shus-Taks. He was very hostile. Made some grave charges against me. I tried to convince him of his mistake in reference to me. I told him I had come up hereto try to do all the good I could among the Indians, including he and his people. I read him the laws we had adopted. He said he would like to know what I had to do with the laws. That I had been sent here to teach that School and nothing else. (This last some bad white men had told him no doubt) He said if Mr. Dennis and I went on as we were now doing, we would upset the town, and bring war, and the Indians would all be killed. He said he supposed I thought I was safe, but he would advise me to send for the Soldiers to come back. I thought the old adage "Convince a man & c", would apply to him. So I sat down. Mr. Dennis then had a long talk with him, but I do not think it made the least impression on him. Then Toy-a-att made a long talk to Shus-Taks

indeed he preached him a solemn sermon. He told him, he was an old man, and could not live long. That he wanted him to give his heart to the Saviour who died for us, and that if he did not, and died as he was now living, he must forever dwell in a place of torment. His answer was that he did care if he did go to hell-fire, that his people were all there. He then went away. After he was gone my people all signed their names (or least I wrote their names and they each one made their mark) to what I had written. After all this we sang the Doxology and adjourned. It being five o'clock. Mr. Vanderbuilt thinks the trouble with Shus-Taks and some others is that they do not believe there is a minister coming here, and that there will be no Church built. He (Thus-Taks) says white men have lied to these Indians so much that he is not going to believe anything he does not see with his own eyes. Mr. Vanderbuilt thinks if we should fail to put up buildings next Summer for the Church and School, that it will prove very disastrous to the Mission here. I had a long talk with him today. I told him of my plan of opening a Home for young girls who want to do right, and cannot unless some such a refuge is offered to them. He said it was a most excellent idea, and he looked upon such a movement as the most important part of the work, and that it will be impossible to save these young girls without a home, as their parents will sell them at any time for a few blankets. He thinks we ought to by all means to have some rooms put up for that purpose when the other buildings are put up.

Week before last Mr. Froman (who you will remember has the store next to Mr. Lears) went to the parents of my favorite scholar, a bright little girl of thirteen, and actually bought her for twenty blankets. I determined to rescue her if possible, as I heard that she was taken to his house by force. She begging and crying not to go. I succeeding in getting her away, and her mother has promised to keep her at home. But her father is a hard wicked man, and I tremble every day lest Froman offers him a little more, and again gets possession of the child. I think you had not publish this in your papers, as you send some copies of the paper here, and Mr. Froman hates me dreadfully now, and if he should see this thing published, I do not know what he would do. I have tried not to do anything whereby I would get the illwill of any of these men, but this was such a flagrant case, I could not do otherwise than I did.

February 18th The Steamer came in on Saturday, I received your letter of January 15th, and also the letter of Mrs. C. L. McClung's with yours. Your request that I would write to her, I shall do so, but will be compelled to wait until next mail, as I have so many letters to get ready for this mail, that I know that my time is going to be very short. I received letters from Dr. Lindsay, and also my Commission. He wrote me he had first received news from New York that the Board had appointed Rev. J. C. Brady for Fort Trangle.

I am exceedingly anxious to know something about him. How much of a family he has, when he will be here, etc. I am really troubled about this check you speak of. If it is sent back protested as you fear it may, it is going to put me to great inconvenience.

I suppose as my Commission has Dr. Kendles signature that he is better. I am very glad for I feared from what Mrs. Graham wrote me, that he might not recover. I have been trying to settle up Philip's affairs, and pay everything as far as I can. Any funds that I have received I have only deposited with Mr. Vanderbilt, so I concluded I would have Philip's account, and also the School accounts paid, and let the indebtedness be against me. The one hundred and fifty dollars you sent me I have never reported to Dr. Lindsley, as I wrote you in my last letter that I would like that to be a private matter between you and me. I have consulted with Mr. Vanderbilt about the best way to settle up matters, and he advised me that the best way to close the accounts of Philips up to the time of his death, and the School accounts up to February 1st, would be to apply what funds there was on hand to the payment of these, and that the ballance be charged to my personal account. So I have had him make out all the bills, and mark them paid. I will send them all to Dr. Lindsley with the request that he send them to the Board; so there will be no misunderstanding in the matter. Everything is included from the time I first came to Trangel, and indeed from the time Mr. Mallory first hired Philip to take charge of the School. Settling these things in this way, I have not only not received a dollar on salary, but I have actually advanced twenty-one dollars and thirty-six cents for it amounts to the same thing. Of course my bill at Mr. Lears is very large, and was it not for Mr. Vanderbilt's great kindness, I do not know what I should do. I have no money, and it will be so long before I receive anything from the Board.

I hope to hear of you having abundant success in your efforts for Alaska. Dr. Lindsley has written me to let Mrs. Dickinson have those things I spoke about. I am real glad as they are very poor. I had asked the Doctor in one letter if he did not think something could be done for Mrs. Dickinson, as they were poor, and she has done a great deal to help me. So Mrs. Lindsley wrote me, that she thought they could secure a box of clothing for them in the East. I do hope they will do so. What would you think of the idea of selling these clothes that was sent for Philip, and send the money to his wife. I hear from Fort Simpson that she has hard work to get enough for her and the little boy to live on. There is not many of them, and it would not amount to much. I wish you would answer this.

I think I have asked you more questions in my letters than there is in the Catechism, and I don't know as you have ever answered any of them. I had an opportunity to-day to send Annie the things that came for her. I knew she will be

glad to get them. I know your time is very much occupied ,  
but I hope you will write me as often as you can.

Truly yours,

A. R. McFarland.

Del Norte, Colorado,  
February 13, 1878.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

I know you never write until you mean business; but as you are aware that March 7th, 1878, the end of my ecclesiastical year draws near. It is necessary for me to know immediately the outcome of your efforts in forwarding my Commission as Missionary to the Navajos.

Mrs. Darley and myself are both eager for the work, the only objection I feel at all, is the being employed or paid in part by the U. S. Government. I had rather be wholly under the Home Board's Commission.

If you can get any works at Washington City on the Navajos language, I would like it. I have the Grammar and Dictionary of the Hidatsa Indians, also Powell's volume one of Contributions to American Ethnology; but both are in northern or N. W. Indian tongues. Yet they will help in the comparative study of the language. I have bought and borrowed works on Indian Missions, & etc., and you will see results of study in article in last "Interior" February 7th, first page, -on Home Board for Home Fields? It is assuring to see that Ellinwood confesses facts I had stated in his article.

If we do not leave for Fort Defiance in April-if the Spring Waters are high, there will be some difficulty in going before July on account of high waters.

We have about concluded to go by Stage to Santa Fe as they now run regular coaches from Garland City, and make through in thirty hours.

We have gotten our horse, and house and expenses (outside of washing) down to ten dollars a week now, and have good prospect of owing nothing by September 30, 1878.

If you would take the interest on what I owe you in June, and then the principal with new interest in installments during the year coming, it would make it easier for us , but if you cannot, we will pay on time, the whole. If my Church pays up sixty-seven dollars now due, and they are prompt next month, I will not need to go in debt next month at the stores, and I thank God for it.

Write me promptly whatever you have to report.

Yours fraternally,

Alex. M. Darley.



New York, N. Y.,  
February 13th, 1878.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

We have secured an additional copy of Ellenwoods letter and opinions; I shall assume & c. Praying that you may be divinely guided in these troublesome times, I remain as ever,

Your friend,  
O. D. Eaton.

San Juan, Feb. 15th, 1878.

Reverend and Dear Sir:-

We have the outside of our Church building within a week or two of completion; it gives entire satisfaction to all in the community, even some of our Catholic friends contributing their right. The style is Gothic, main building 24 x 42, and the tower nearly 60 feet high. We added this, especially for the Bell, you kindly promised us, and which we are hopefully and anxiously looking for. When we received your kind letter, promising the Bell, I announced it to the Congregation, and since, have answered their inquiries, by assuring them that you will send it on, ere long. It will prove of great attraction and benefit. The Tower can be seen for many miles, it being on so prominent a site, and the tolling Bell will enable the scattered settlers to be prompt at service. Their time pieces being so at variance now, some enter Church a full half hour late.

It has been a fearful struggle to secure sufficient material to complete the outside of the building. It costing twelve hundred dollars, exclusive of considerable labor. The people here gave all that they could, (and I think a little more) as, when I called on them for my annual salary or allowance, I was told that they had given all they had to spare toward the Church Building, feeling (they said) that the good Lord would provide for my wants. What could I say, to them, when they knew my motto to "Jehovah Jireh", it was a good severe joke upon poor me, but this it was, and the year 1878 brought me no salary from them. I have had to borrow in consequence. I am ready however for any sacrifice, if only we can occupy our precious Church Building, and leave our present log-hut of a place; but, we can realize \$300. more toward the completion of the interior of the Church. We must continue our services in the old log building. We are encouraged, that the outside (excepting the painting) is nigh finished, and paid for, and trust that from some source, we will yet receive the additional \$300., so that we may be able to finish, and dedicate free of debt. Would that you dear Brother could be with us then, we would ring you a joyful welcome. I am working hard at Church building most of the time, will have to paint it by and by, and help put up a

picket fence around the acre lot. I trust, that you will interest yourself, in our welfare, as we are needy.

I may have the pleasure of meeting you in May, as I am to represent our Presbytery at the next meeting of Presbytery Assemble.

With much respect, I am,

Very sincerely,

G. I. Weekes.

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New York, N. Y.,  
February 23rd, 1878.

My dear Mrs. Haines:-

I did not wish pay or expect it for the short time you and your son were with us. It always affords me great pleasure to see you and entertain you to the best of my ability.

The dear mother is at rest in our "Home over there" I had not heard of her departure. May you and I be found fully ready, but still working as best we may. I do esteem it a blessing to have a high and holy purpose in life. It is condensive to health of body and soul.

Two persons in my household have already enjoyed your sweet tract and poem. The smile of the electric currents is excellent. Our lectures on temperance and woman suffrage have reported just the state of idol worship you speak of, not only in Arizona, Colorado & New Mexico, but in our own State, Onondago County, amongst the Indians they cultivate dog and devil worship.

Women Doctors are so largely in demand, I do not have the success in advising them to become members of Home or Foreign Mission Societies, as I had hoped. Let us hope that our dear Lord will guide and so inspire those earnest women workers in the lecture field, that if not in "our way" they may carry the gospel of life eternal as well as that of justice, and temperance in this life to those benighted ones.

I will again make an appeal to our classes in College for Missions. I know that most of our students are professing Christians. The failure of Mr. Tombs has caused my embarrassment, and I must try to disentangle myself by the Courts as best I can. My dear son and family are doing all they can to comfort me, and we are all quite well physically which is a great cause for thankfulness amidst the clouds.

Ever yours,

Most faithfully,

C. S. Lozier.

To Dr. Jackson:-

Mrs. Dr. Lozier is one of our most experienced lady physicians in New York.

M. E. Haines.

Saugerties on Hudson, New York,  
February 23rd, 1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,  
Dear Sir:-

I write at the special request of the "Synodical Committee for Woman's work in Home Missions, in the Synod of New Jersey", to thank you most sincerely for your recent work within our limits. We have reason to believe that great good has been accomplished;-more than may at first appear in immediate results.

You have given us facts as to the destitutions in our own Country, that can never be forgotten. Through the of our ignorance God may have winked at, yet surely all who were privileged to attend our recent Conventions, have now great responsibility upon them to do something to make the Saviour know in every part of the United States. The very interest, that we as Christian women have been led to take in Foreign Missions, should now impel us to try to make our own land a more fitting and efficient light-bearer to the nations.

We hope sir, that the Board of Home Missions, will favor the holding of like conventions as those in New Jersey, in other Synods of the Church.

In behalf of Committee,  
Yours truly and respectfully,  
F. E. H. Haines,  
Sec'y of Elizabeth,  
New Jersey.

Saugerties on Hudson, New York, N. Y.,  
February 23rd, 1878.

Dr. Jackson,  
Dear Sir:-

I feel quite afraid to write to you, and may as well own up to you at once. It is about those circulars. After all the trouble you took, we upset it. By we, I mean Dr. and Mrs. Roberts and I. He at least agreed to share with me the blame. Your paper, seemed almost too good in some respects-too business-like to appear quite natural, considering from whom it would have to come. Then I remembered some inquiries as to details, which were often put to me, and which it seemed well to answer. Then I broke the thing in two, and stole some of your sentences, and now hope you will excuse and forgive, and not quite give me up.

I must tell Mrs. Jackson how home-sick you were in New Jersey-especially if further service of this kind was mentioned. Some letters begin to come in telling us of steps already taken to raise money & etc. I have seldom before seen so much enthusiasm among our staid Presbyterian women.

I do wish you could go all through the Churches with your facts and stirring appeals, after which it was a wonder you could sleep.

Do you see what an excitement there has been in Princeton, since we were there? It is well the meetings came off when they did.

About the leaflets again. I calculate (not in Yankee sense, but really) that about 3000 will do for New Jersey. Equal to about 10 to a church. And about others, an audacious idea came to me that they might be mailed one each in every copy of your next Rocky Mountain Presbyterian. Would this add to your expense? is it feasible? If so, please write to your agent at 178-Elm Street, for I have sent him word, perhaps the leaflets could be circulated in the way above proposed.

I enclose fifty cents, which I am ashamed to say I forgot to give you towards the hackman's charge at Plainfield. Though in comparison to our course about the circulars, you will consider this offense but venial. My children wants you to get me an idol, without much expense, and let me know the charges?

I have the pleasant duty of sending you a formal note of thanks from our Committee, but you know it will not be a matter of form. The episode of those conventions will always be a memory to be thankful for.

With love to Mrs. Jackson,

Yours truly and respectfully,  
F. E. H. Haines.

Corinne, Utah,  
February 25, 1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,  
Dear Brother:-

Your note from New York acknowledged; bill of expense for Brigham City is received. The burden of these expenses is very trying in these hard times on an income of about \$750. And as soon as you can possibly forward any part of the money expended, it will be very greatly received.

I have not secured any one to go there yet as teacher. If Mr. Tibballs will come or you can get some one to come on and take charge of the Station, it will be a good field.

We look for you soon. I am,  
Fraternally,  
S. L. Gillispie.

St. Louis, Mo.,  
February 25th, 1878/

Dear Brother Jackson:-

I hope you reached your home and family safely Saturday evening and found all well. We enjoyed your short visit ever so much. And I know it will be of great profit profit to us in our work. I succeeded in getting Dr. Falconer the correspondent of the Interior to write you up, and to make a defense of you and your work. This he did in no uncertain terms. If the Interior publishes it (which they cannot refuse), it will "offset" those editorial squibs to a great extent. Of course I publish what I please in the Evangelist, but did not want to appear to be guilty of "special pleading". I do not see why I even wrote to the Herald and Presbyterian, but hope he gave you a good notice.

I had a good long letter from Dr. Kendall to-day It did me good. I was hungry to hear from the Board. He says "push things" regardless of their treasury. Of course I will give the work a new " shove" now. I hope arrangements will be made to have you return to us in April.

You spoke of wanting a "scroll saw" for "the girls". I think you can get one by writing to the manufacturers (as advertised in the Evangelist), and offering to pay them in advertising.

I send you a Globe Democrat today with meagre reports of your address.

Much love to all,

Yours,

J. W. Allen.

Kansas City, Mo.,  
February 26th, 1878.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

I returned this morning from a long tour in the Indian Territory, and find that you have been here in my absence. I wish very much that I could have seen you, for I am "charged to the muzzle" with the Home and Foreign Mission question. I have just now written a long letter to the Board in addition to two which I wrote while in the Territory.

The article of Dr. Ellinwood published in the Evangelist is bad and if his letter, that you refer to, is worse, I pity him. Then that man in the Interior who thinks "Sheldon Jackson needs a heathen with which to bait the home missionary hook" should be treated as a naughty boy, spanked and sent to bed without his supper. He knows nothing.

I intend writing a few letters to the Evangelist, so soon as I can find time, but withall the letters that are now before me, and a trip to Texas before the spring meetings of Presbyteries, I do not know how I can do it. I think I



I return Ellinwood's letter. You will do as you please, but I would not publish it. You can not afford to find space for him to air his views or allow him to get into controversy with you. He can't live unless he has three or four first class fights on hand.

2. Prepare any rejoinders that may suggest them sent to you from his letter as original editorial; but make no mention of this letter. Ellinwood's letter was read to the Board yesterday. It made a great sensation.

I can't prepare you an article on the Indian question or any other at this time.

We voted Miss Welch travelling expenses yesterday. I want you to say your plans to go over to the Salt Lake Country next month, and have meeting of Presbytery-i. e. etc. there. Learn about Malad and go in with Welch if need be. Visit Brigham City if necessary, and write me fully all about that debt we are held for & etc.

If we send Mr. Park there, what shall we do with him. He is not a Preacher. Don't we want a preacher there? That is what puzzles me about him. What shall we do with him while his wife is teaching school. Then I want to know all about the schools. All the schools in the TerrHow the teachers are doing. Whether there are mor openings. Draw it all out. Teaching is the new feature, and we must have a full report. Then how about Ogden. I wish McHise could come to the Assembly. In the present crisis of that church property, and of our school work.

Now if you can get out your appointments, so as to send back word to us of your doing before our next meeting the 26th of March. I hope you will. Let me know when Presbytery will meet, as soon as you know. Knowles is no doubt at Boise City now, Had letter from Brady this morning at San Francisco.

I should like to ask Mrs. Jackson if her husband has got so that he dare "make a suggestion" when he sees her put up the Sardine box wrong side up. Give her our love, and also the girls.

Write as soon as you get to Denver whom you saw after leaving Pittsburg.

We send Hall Young from Allegheny to Alaska, and Gallagher from Princeton. The others decline. I think Meyer and Shields (the last of Princeton) will go to Oregon.

Yours truly,

H. Kendall.

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Cedar Rapids, Mich.,  
February 28th, 1878.

Rev. Dr. Kendall,  
Dear Sir:-

You will see by the enclosed postal that we are to have in April a meeting of our state Board of Missions, just previous to the meeting of the Women's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the North-west.

Could you tell us where to address Dr. Sheldon Jackson for if we could secure his presence at the meeting of our state Board on Tuesday evening, we feel that our Missionary anniversaries would increase the interest, and both Home and Foreign Missions in the Churches of our State.

Would you be willing to forward this to Dr. Jackson, and ask him to inform us if he can be present at that Meeting.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs. J. F. Ely.

Washington, D. C.,  
March 1st, 1878.

Cap't K. Van Oterendorp,  
Genl. Supt. Oregon Steam Ship Co.,  
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

This will introduce to your acquaintance Rev. Dr. Jackson, who will visit California and Oregon sometime this Spring or Summer.

You will please furnish him with free passes to and from any places on our lines that he may wish to visit. Please also, give him a personal introduction to the Captain of the Steamer that he may decide to go upon, and see that everything possible be done for his comfort, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,  
H. Willard,  
President.

St. Louis, Mo.,  
March 2nd, 1878.

Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,  
Denver, Col.

Reverend and Dear Sir:-

I regret exceedingly not to have seen and heard you during your recent visit to our City. And this feeling of regret is shared by a large Missionary element here. Through some inadvertance, or one relying upon another, the proper notices did not reach the Pastors to be read to the congregations, which accounts for the small number present, but does not indicate the degree of interests among us; for that is good comparatively speaking, and is increasing. Indeed I did not know of your contemplated visit, or of the lecture, until I saw the newspaper report the next morning, (not having)



noticed the announcements in the paper that morning. But this is incidental.

The Democrat report next morning, and the St. Louis report (Evangelist) since, has convinced the ladies of our Society (Women's Board Mission, South-West) that you may be the means of great good to us. From your long experience, and entire familiarity with the history of religious development, in the land west of us embolding us to look largely to you for information and advice.

The Ladies greatly desire your presence at the annual meeting of the Society, which occurs the first Tuesday in May. We wish to use this first anniversary meeting to rally the Missionary element in our Churches to work.

The Home or Miscellaneous Secretary will write you doubtless. I write to express interests of Foreign Department, which naturally includes any reference to the Indian Tribes, and labors in their behalf.

I wish to put our Society in correspondence with some intelligent lady on each Indian Mission field. Will you do us the special favor, to indicate to me, the name, and addresses of judicious persons, whom I can write to with the hope of receiving a reply, with understanding that the letters will be read to our Meetings, and in whole or in part may be published in the St. Louis Evangelist, and a letter from yourself relative to our work will be specially acceptable. Will you please indicate to me the best means other than the above of keeping thoroughly posted, as to what is done or can be done on this broad field, with any suggestions that occur to you.

In the service of our blessed Lord, who would have his Gospel preached to every Preacher,

Yours respectfully,

Mrs. I. N. Cundall.

For. Sec'y. W. B. M. S. West.

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New York, N. Y.,  
March 4th, 1878.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Reverend J. L. Merritt's case came before the Board for \$700 to make salary of \$850. What shall we do? Is there anything left down there? Will there be any people there? Was Bliss down there to organize the Granada Church?

Can't we do better with that \$700.? The case is referred that I may make these requirements, and we wait on you for an answer.

2. I send you letter and cards from Mrs. Ely. Please answer, and I will need not.

3. Another card, our friend Dun'.

4. Send on all the news you can get.  
 Yours truly,  
 H. Kendall.

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 23 Centre St., New York, N. Y.,  
 March 4th, 1878.

Dr. Jackson,  
 Dear Brother:-

I have this day sent \$265. to Gillispie at Corinne for that second payment. I hope to hear that you had a good meeting of Presbytery. Put things in good shape, as to Ogden, Corinne, Malad, Brigham City and property. I want a full long letter about all, schools, churches.

We shall probably appoint McMillan's brother a teacher next Tuesday, for we find his wife has over one hundred scholars; that is enough for two teachers.

As to the Summer's Campaign, we are perplexed and in doubt. Have sent the case to Dr. Lindsley for a decision or rather for light to help us to decide.

The great storm so interfered with your places, that I have no idea where you are. But if this hits you send us full notes of Presbytery, what was done about Church property and school houses & c.

Yours truly,  
 H. Kendall.

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 New York, N. Y.

March 4th, 1878.

My dear Jackson:-

I have written you nearly every day for a week, but your two or three letters to-day made me write again, and I do so at once, that we may have a fair understanding about the Brigham City property. I wrote something about it yesterday in connection with similar cases. Now, I wish to say, that I do not propose to buy that Brigham City property, but I do propose to see that Gillispie and Mr. Graham shall not lose what they have paid. I do not propose to forward the second instalment, but let the property lapse under the mortgage, rather than involve myself any more.

The above statement I now proceed to modify as follows:

1. Dr. Wilson says, (a) the Board helped McMillan and Bird because each had a church organization, and therefore came within the rule. But, (b) he says they have not declined any case that has yet come before them, which looks as though, if the case came before them they might strain and help us at Brigham City.

Now, can you get a statement in any way to me, enough to test the question. If you can get an application made and

signed in due form at Presbytery, and forwarded at once, it ought not to be long before the question can be decided. The old Doctor talked quite fairly, stated the difficulties calmly, and yet seemed to see that something must be done. If you can get any new light about the case into my hands before the 26th inst., I shall be glad. If not, I propose to lay Gillispie statements before the Board, and see if they will advance the money. Hoping to have its place made good by the ladies or otherwise. But all that is too late for April 1st, unless action be favorable, in which case I could telegraph to you or to Gillispie as you will think best. But is the case should seem clear, and the door open into Malad and Brigham should dislike to have any failure. But I will not hold myself responsible for the second or any subsequent payment on the property, unless I see some way to get it back. My willingness does not extend beyond doing Gillispie and Mr. Graham good.

I am tremendously bored at the way the thing stands any way. It is almost as bad as Dr. Palmer's case. I mean to resist any further appointment to our Home; neither Dr. D. or the Board will insure them against starvation. I do not wonder that there is growing up a wrath in the hearts of Missionaries against neglect and delay. It is a shame and ought not to be so, keep me posted.

I had yours at the Mansion House last night, and yours at the Office to-day; and one each from Ealy and Annin yesterday and Dr. Palmer to-day.

Sayre was here yesterday. I shall press his appointment for Conjos next Meeting.

As to men you want for Trinidad, Silverton, Ouray and Animas City. No doubt, go ahead and find them of the right sort. I guess the same is true of Idaho. Black Hawk may cling to Central, Monument and Fountain do not amount to much.

Will-you put Smith at Trinidad or where?

Yours,

H. Kendall.

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23 Centre Street, New York, N. Y.,  
March 4th, 1878.

Dear Mr. Jackson:-

We have your long and full letter. Yet the things, you do not state and explain, puzzle us much. What is that change about Parks from Brigham City to Logan? How about Gillispie going to Brigham City and not to Ogden. But you may get Gallagher in there if you can, and I now think you can. Then as to Manti and Ephriam, we commissioned the brother of McMillan as a teacher at our last meeting. But why does not the Presbytery get him to preach. You say he is preaching every Sabbath. Very good. So let it be, but why not put your imprimatur on him? Let that field be considered as

supplied. Mrs. Roberts and Miss Burnham were put up to \$500. Dr. Palmer's accounts were paid up to Jan. 1st, his salary made \$1100., and the full account of August and September ordered paid in full by us. But we could not get-I could not get an appropriation for the house. But, I am happy to hear that Rev. C. S. Durfee of Geneseo, where Dr. Lauderdale's father lives proposes to go to the Ladies Presbyterian Meeting next week, and lay the case before them? and see if they will not raise the money. I have suggested to Dr. Palmer, that if he can build a church and school-house, lay enough to partition off some rooms for his family, at least, till the school gets larger. We might get church erection aid for it. Wouldn't that be right or not?

I want to caution you against publishing anything from Smith of Sante Fe or any body else, about the Foreign Board at least, till you know the upshot of all this ferment at the East. The Joint Committee chosen their labors yesterday, and their report will be laid before us a week from next Monday. We have not heard it yet.

I get encouraging reports from Annin and Roberts. Beebee I suppose has gone on. I wrote you about Merritt and his field sometime ago. We have had no reply, and so his case lay over at the last meeting. We hear nothing from Smith, late of Canon City, do you? Your journey to Alaska this Summer seems to me improbable.

How did you find D. J. McMillan? Is he sick or mad, or what is the matter? The women and the men are getting out of all manner of positions with him. He takes no notice of any of them, does not even account for moneys received.

Dr. Wilson seems a little more clearer lately, I do not know what it means. The Brooklyn Ladies Society last Sabbath night appropriated \$200 for Brigham City property, which I have transmitted to Gillispie to replace so much of that which I forwarded a few days before.

Hope you and McNeill will be charges to the muzzle with ammunition on Utah affairs.

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.

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23-Centre Street, New York, N. Y.,  
March 4th, 1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,  
Denver, Col.

Dear Brother:-

Your personal reply is first rate, could not be better. The name of Sanballat will stick to the forehead of a certain disturber of the peace of Israel like ticks to a sheep. The boys on the third floor speak of him as Sanballat "Ellen Wood" is a name forgotten.

O. D. Eaton.

23-Centre Street, New York, N. Y.,  
March 5th, 1878.

Dear Jackson:-

I have two things to write you about, perhaps it will prove three.

1. Miss Welch. We have appropriated her \$75. for travelling expenses. Now is it best to send her and her brother on now or had you better go on to Salt Lake and the Presbytery, and learn all about Malad anew, and see whether it is open or blocked. I think you better see it before you project them forward into the dark.

2. As to Calvin Parks and his wife. We hung fire on them, because he is only an elder and not a preacher. What shall we do with him? Is he a teacher too and is there room for two to teach at Brigham City? Let us know about that and about that field as soon as possible.

Third and last but not least. The Salt Lake Presbytery must take some action or have some views on the school-house questions. We have paid for the houses, the new teachers down the Valley occupying & etc. There must be a policy and it needs to be understood here and in the Assembly.

4. Tell McMillan for me that he is losing and alienating best friends, and losing money by neglecting to answer letters that are sent him. Complaints here are loud and bitter.

If this hits you at Denver write at once.

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall.

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Cimarron, New Mexico,  
March 8th, 1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,  
Dear Brother:-

I presume that you are at head-quarters by this time. You see by the above date that I am still held in Cimarron. The delay is entirely owing to new regulations in regard to the kind of property to be received as security. The first bond I sent was approved January 3rd, but returned to have a misspelled word corrected. The second was also returned for change to real estate only. So, I have been kept over tow months awaiting my commission. I have had no word from your friend McMillan, but then he may have written to Fort Defiance. Several days since, I wrote to Agent Irwin to forward any mail that might have reached the agency for me to this place for the present.

Will you do me the kindness to send me a copy of the Presbyterian Hymnal, large type, and state the cost, and I will send the money by return mail, also some more for the Foreign Mission Presbyterian. By the way I have not received a number of that paper since the first of the year. Send January and February numbers and o'blige,

Yours very truly,  
Jno. E. Pyle.

P. S. Dr. Shields passed through on his way to one of the Pueblos several days ago. The coach turned over with them, injuring Mrs. Shields severely, P.

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 Memorial Hall, Allegheny, Pa.,  
 March 11th, 1878.

Dear Dr. Jackson:-

Your letter is received. I also rejoice that the suspense is over, and that I am appointed to this glorious work. Pray that the responsibility may not crush me.

I have sent to Major Powell and Mr. Eaton for the books. Would you be so good as to write to Mr. Dall concerning those scientific instruments? Also send em his address. I am very anxious to get them. I also wish full directions as to how to use them. Have them sent to Parkersburg, West Virginia, and address me there. I shall go home this week and commence preparations. Shall pass my examinations the Seminary before leaving.

The Board wishes me to get ready to start by the first of May. They may grant me more time, but I will have to make preparations to go then. They have only granted me \$200. for travelling expenses. Can I go on that? Can you put me in the way of getting passes & c?

I have to look to you for information on these and other points as Dr. Dickson either does not know or is too busy to answer my inquiries. I can't find out to what part of the field they expect me to go, whether among the Alents or Indians. Have the Board commissioned any lady teachers?

Thanking you for your interest, I remain,  
 Yours,

S. H. Young.

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 Darby, Penna.,  
 March 11, 1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,  
 Denver, Col.

My dear Sir:-

We have lately started a Home Missionary Society in our Church among the young people. We have not yet decided exactly how to apply the funds which we expect to raise during the year. Knowing that you are conversant with the whole western field, I decided to write to you for advice.

Would it be making to great a demand upon your time, to ask you to write to us about some needy point, giving, in your letter, some facts which will interest our Society in its behalf?

The Society now numbers forty-eight members, but we hope to have eighty before long. Our first monthly meeting

was held at the Parsonage last Friday evening.

The exercises were divided into three parts:

1. The business meeting.
2. Reading of Missionary Letters and essays.
3. Musical and literary entertainment.

There seems to be considerable interest in Missionary work springing up already in the Church. Mamma has succeeded in obtaining twelve names for the "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian" lately, and it, of course, is an invaluable aid.

In a letter from Denver, received last Winter, we heard that Mrs. Jackson had returned East on account of her health. Where is she staying now? We should like to hear from her, and from the girls. Remember us kindly to them.

Yours sincerely,

Birdie A. Brown,  
Cor. Secretary.

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Evanston, Wyoming Territory,  
March 11th, 1878.

Rev. S. Jackson, D. D.,  
Dear Brother:-

Yours is at hand. I have been absent to Green River, and can hardly get to Ogden this week, but will go there next week, spending Saturday and Sunday the 21st. On my return will write you.

The opposition to Judge Peck, continues very bitter. It is difficult to know what the result will be. Judge Peck opposers have a man in Washington, a very coming politician. Spare no money, and tell all manner of lies against him; and all this because he is a praying christian Judge.

My only hope and comfort is, our \_\_\_\_\_ can bring order out of confusion, and can so overrule, that when the wrath of his enemies will return to his praise.

Many have withdrawn their subscription, just at this time. I am sorry to be absent on the Sabbath, but I think with you it is all important, to look after Ogden.

In haste.

Yours truly,  
F. L. Arnold.

P. S. Truly it is with great tribulation that God's people, enter into their heavenly rest.

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Fort Wrangel, Alaska,  
March 14th, 1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,  
Dear Brother:-

Here is the 14th and no steamer yet, but hourly expected. The Grappler came in yesterday from Victo-

ria. The Captain told me Mr. Vanderbuilt that there was a minister in Victoria from the East, waiting for the "California" to come to Fort Wrangel. If it is our man I am very glad. Yes rejoiced, and I shall feel very anxious until I know who he is. I do hope he may prove to be the right kind of a man for this place.

There is one thing I intended to write to you about in my last letter. That is about the prospect of an Agent being appointed for the Indians in this country. If you think there will be an Agent appointed, I wish Mr. Vanderbuilt could get the appointment. I have had a good many talks with him lately, and I think he would make a splendid Agent. I think he could do splendidly for he knows all about the Indians, and is able to talk to them all so well. Then he has such correct ideas about how things should be managed among Indians. I think a great deal of him since I have become better acquainted with him. I am very much afraid you will miss him again this Summer, as he told me this evening he would have to be gone a good part of the Summer. I will be very sorry if he is away when you come, for he is really the only white man here who takes any interest in our work or seems to care whether anything is accomplished or not. He thinks it will be a great mistake to put the Church over where you talked of. He thinks it would be so far away from the Town, that the white people would not attend. Then it is just on the way between all those heathen Indians, and the others, and from the disposition Shu Stacks and some others have been showing lately, they might give us a great deal of trouble. He thinks the place that had been selected far preferable for many reasons. There has been a great time here among the Indians this week. It seems the Tongas Indians and the stikren Indians have been enemies for a number of years. But this Winter, they have become friends. This week the Tongas Indians came to visit the Stikeens and have a grand "Ha Ha" Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbuilt and I went away down the beach (where every body both Indians and White people were) to see the Tongas Indians come in. They had nine large canoes lashed together all abreast. They looked splendid coming in, all were dressed in the gayest colors. After they landed, they and the Stikeens had a sham battle, and then a great dance on the beach. They were all painted and dressed in their Indian costumes. There was said to be fifteen hundred Indians on the ground, beside all the whites in the settlement. It was a great sight, and one I would not missed for anything. But the Indians are doing just like the white people do who dance. They are carrying it to great extremes. The dance has been kept up all the week, day and night, and I suppose will before sometime to come.

The great importance of the work in this Country never rose up before me as it did that day when I looked upon the great number of immortal souls collected there, who had never heard of a crucified Saviour. When I heard there was to be a minister here this week, I thought that now many of these



people who have never heard the Gospel. My how their eyes opened to the truth, and that it may be the beginning of a great revival in this Country. But I feel worried about one thing, Mrs. Dickinson has been quite sick for two weeks, cold settled in her throat and lungs. She was very much better and sitting up day before yesterday, but when I went to see her today, I find she has taken a relapse and is much worse. I fear she will not be able to be out for sometime. Indeed I feel very anxious about her. I don't know what we will do for an interpreter, when the Minister arrives.

10th, yesterday afternoon the Steamer arrived, bringing Rev. Brady. He went on to Sitka, but expects to return to this place when the Steamer comes back. I liked him very much from what I could see of him the little while he was here. But, I am very sorry he did not bring a wife with him. One thing I feel worried about is he has come from Dr. Linsley with the idea, that he must at once get up some kind of cheap building (He spoke of a log one) so as to save paying such enormous rents. It does not strike me that the rent is so very high for a house, where we can have both church and school. Then the rent is to be reduced by the first of May to ten dollars. I think and so does Mr. Vanderbilt, that it will be a great mistake to put up a rough unsightly building, that will not be suitable for our purposes only for a short time. But Dr. Linsley has such an idea of everything being done on such a narrow contracted scale, and everything must be so exceedingly economical that I begin to fear that the mission will not succeed very well. He has annoyed me almost beyond endurance about Philip's indebtedness and about the expenses of the school. It seemed impossible to make him understand how the matter stood. So last mail I sent him everything -- all the bills, and receipts so he might understand it. Now he writes me how he was shocked and surprised at the reckless expenditures that have been made, and made without either he or his secretary ever authorizing it, and that had he known how things were being carried on he would have vetoed it long ago. He says, "you have doubtless done as well as you could with your ideas of the circumstances which I must say are considerably mixed." He enclosed another blank list of questions which he wanted me to answer in detail, so he might make a settlement with the board. But I will not do it. I am going to write to him to take the accounts and make out just what he wants and send it to me, and I will sign it, or, if it is necessary to be in my handwriting I will copy it. Of course all this about Dr. Linsley is confidential, but I wanted to let you know how he had treated me. I did feel dreadfully hurt when I read his letter, but I feel better this morning.

Two weeks ago, when the Otter came up, the Rev. Bishop Bompas, Episcopalian came up, but returned on the same Steamer. He said he was sent to look out stations for locating Missions, but had no desire to come in where other churches were already on the ground. He spent most of the day in my school, and then walked home with me. He commended me very highly to Mr.

Vanderbilt, for the management and success of my school. After coming home. I told him of my great desire to establish a home for young girls and also of how my heart had been made to ache in visiting sick Indians, and seeing their utter desititution of anything like comfort, and being as I am unable to help them in any way. He said he thought I should have a fund furnished me for the relief of those that I saw suffering, and as to the "Home", he was sure if Christians in the East could be made to see the importance of it, that I would soon have all the money I need to put up a building and furnish it, as well as to carry on the work. Before he left he gave me two dollars; said one was for the Home, and the other to relieve sick Indians. He said he was poor, but wanted to add his mite. He told me to write East, and say to the people that I now had a fund commenced and that every dollar that was added to it would help on the great and glorious work here. I do long so much to give up the school to some one else, and be engaged in work among the women and girls. Could there be some rooms put up for a home, there could then certainly be some ladies society induced to support it. and it impresses me as one of the most important things that could be done. to advance the work.

As to Philip's wife, I really do not know how to answer your inquiry. I feel just as you do, that we ought to do something for Annie, and if this home was started it would be just the place for her. Besides she would be a valuable assistant to me. I had a letter from Mr. Crosby by the Otter saying, Annie was sick, and in great desititution. Dr. Lindsley is not willing that I should sell these few articles of clothing and give poor Annie the money. (I do not think they would bring more than ten dollars) But he says in consideration of the very great expense Philip has been to the Mission, he thought those things had better be kept for any other, who might be appointed. I am sorry that I did not sell the things without writing anything about it to him. There was nothing in the box I cared to use for myself. I had sent everything to Annie, except these few articles of men's clothing.

I am glad to hear about the draft, and am so much o'bliged to you for your great kindness to me. But I must close this long letter. I suppose you are at home. I hope you will be able to write me a longer letter next time.

- Love to Mrs. Jackson and the little girls,

Yours truly,

A. R. McFarland.

P. S. One idea has occurred to me since closing your letter. What would you think of the idea of a Physician being sent by the Board, who would be willing to take the school. He could attend to that, and any practise he might have besides. When the school would be very full, he could have an assistant. Mr. Vanderbilt says you must bear in mind that there must not be any second class men sent here, especially a Doctor. He (Mr. Vanderbilt) seems to be greatly roused and interested in the

work in the last few weeks.

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 Prescott, Arizona,  
 March 15th, 1878.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Your letter with enclosed permits, map & c., came this morning. I sincerely thank you for your interest and exertions in our behalf.

I am very anxious to know what has been done about supplying my place. Do have a good man for this place. I am very reluctant to leave before the Church is built, but it cannot be helped. I must not remain here during the Summer months. I think that a first class man can build the Church in the Fall, if we get rain soon. If we do not get rain, it is doubtful if Kimball himself could raise enough for a Chapel. Everything is at a standstill without rain. No water for the mines or mills or ranches.

As to settling in Colorado, I can only say at present that our hearts are set on going to Japan, if the Lord opens the way. My wife and I have talked of the Foreign work ever since we were married. But at present the Board can not send out any more Missionaries. Should you see fit and deem it desirable to give me work in Colorado, until such a time as the Foreign can send us. I would be glad to labor there. Possibly we might stop there on our way to Wisconsin, but our present plan is to go home.

William B. Strong, the Superintendant of the Atchison, Topeka and Sante Fe Road is an old trainsman of ours. He heard me graduate, and has known my father and mother for years. When I wrote to my brother, who is teaching in Washburne College at Topeka, that we thought of going home. He said that he would see Strong, who lives in Topeka, and endeavor to get passes to Chicago. Should he not secure such passes, we should be glad to avail ourselves of your card. We do not anticipate any danger through Arizona, and did not suppose that there was any in New Mexico. I shall go well around myself, and perhaps we shall have company.

I will have your statement published in our papers tomorrow. Mr. Anderson sent your telegram, which I had published. The Enterprise man would give something if he had let you alone. His malignant outburst has hurt his paper in the eyes of the better classes.

Mrs. Merrill unites in kind regards to yourself and family,

Yours sincerely,  
 J. A. Merrill.

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Steamship, California, Sitka, Alaska,  
March 17, 1878.

Rev. A. L. Lindsley, D. D.,  
Dear Friend :-

I thought that I should visit Sitka by this trip of the Steamer, so that you might know how to advise Miss Kellogg. The way is open for her to step right in. I went with Captain Thorn to call on Rev. N. Mitropolsky, the Russian priest. He is a young man and has a beautiful family. His sister-in-law lives with them, she is about 15 years old. They all speak English. They have a large piano, but it needs tuning. I told them that Miss Kellogg was a good musician, and that she could no doubt render great assistance to the sister-in-law at her music. This gave me his attention, and when I asked where Miss Kellogg might find a safe and quiet place, he said that she might take rooms at his house free of cost. She can have from one to six rooms just as she likes, for the house is very large. Each room is heated by a Russian Stove, if you know what that is. They are all neat and clean, and will be a great comfort to her after teaching dirty Indians all day. She will need all her own furniture and the like. I inquired particularly of the danger of the Indian outbreak, and the people of Sitka have no anticipation of any thing of the kind. Everything is quiet, and there is no rumor of any disturbance.

If Miss Kellogg can come by next Steamer have her come by all means for we may be able to do a year's work among the Indians in a month before they scatter. There are hundreds at Sitka and Wrangle now, but in a few weeks, the majority will leave for various parts. The second before we reached Wrangle we passed fifteen canoes, large, one and all on the move. If we strike now while things are as they are, we may put things in fine shape for lasting work. There will be no lack of houses in Sitka, and we are welcome to any we may choose and some will answer our purpose. The Russians are in nowise opposed to our coming even Mr. Corcoran, a catholic merchant welcomed me and said that he would assist from his own pocket but I don't know how much he has in it. After dinner I had the Indian leaders called together, and spoke to them through two interpreters. I would speak to Geo. Kastrometinoff, and he would translate in Russian to an old man, who was for many years in the service of the Russian American Furniture Company, and this old fellow would speak and gesture it off in the Indian tongue to Chiefs. Every now and then a chief would give vent to his thoughts in a gesturing and animated speech. I told them my object in coming among them, and sang them a couple of hymns. They said that some of the generals had promised them Missionaries, but they never came. That one Mr. Mallory no doubt the minister came, and said when he left that he would return on the next steamer, but did not. That they had a Russian priest once, but since the United States Government had

bought the Country, they had been neglected. That they had all gone into bad ways again, but when they learn of God, they will give up their bad ways. That they were very glad that I came, and that they believed I was their friend. That if they could not learn at school, they would make their children go. Sitka Jack did most of the speech making, but the officers of the ship regard him as the biggest rascal on the coast. We'll let the future prove the truth or falsify the assertion.

I feel favorably impressed of Sitka, and all that I saw of the Indians. They are self supporting and many are rich. The children are as fat, and playful as pigs. If we could only separate the Indians from the whites, they would make the most rapid progress in all that is good. The miners play havoc with the women.

Mr. Lear from Wrangle went up with us to Sitka to the Springs for his health. He had a Young Indian woman in his State-room with him, and was taking her to the Springs. His son that went up with us from Victoria is a half breed. There appears to be no shame on his part.

The next evil is the "hoo-che-nee", which the Indians have learned to make. They fill a coal oil case with sour molasses and heat it, and use a lead pipe, twisted in a barrel of water for a still. A gallon will make four or five bottles. And they sell a goodshare of it to the whites for a dollar a bottle. Only two merchants will sell this to the Indians. The California, brought up twenty-one barrels of molasses. This is a great evil and should be stopped. If the Indians do any harm, it will be when they are crazy with hoochenoo. I can tell you very little about Fort Wrangle. I spend a few minutes with Mrs. McFarland, she is well and has had no trouble except with Shoestack an old chief, who is inclined to kick a little. Mr. Vanderbilt gave me a warm welcome, and will do much to help us at Wrangle.

The first necessity is a building. It will never do to pay twenty dollars a month rent for that shantymake of shakes. It may be better than I think, for I only saw it from the water. We can have a lot where we please, and no one will have the least objection. Captain George, the Pilot of the California from Victoria to Sitka, has married a sister of Mrs. Metropolsky. They live in Victoria. He said that if Miss Kellogg would like, she might make herself known, and that he would take her up to his house, and introduce her to his wife, who would be able to tell her many things of interest.

She had better be introduced to Captain George by Captain Thorn as soon as they arrive. The purser Mr. Hughes is taking an orphan boy from Sitka to Portland to find a home for him. He does not know what to do with him. I told him about yourself and Mrs. Lindsley and said that you would lend all assistance possible. Any favor that you may render in this case, will win us favor with the purser and other officers, and this is no small thing for they have great influence.

The boy can not speak a word of English, and is a fine looking little chap. You will love him as soon as you lay eyes on him. I shall do all I possibly can every way I can at Wrangle for the next month, and then return to Sitka, and begin work with Miss Kellogg, or without her if she does not come. We must hold Sitka at once, for it is far ahead of Wrangle. We will need all the school apparatus that you can send. Send two hundred or three hundred primers of the right kind. The American Tract Society have a good one. If you can send some seed of various kinds, and a few apple trees and current and Goose-berry sprouts, I will plant them and care for them. The last kind of a bush is beginning to blossom at Sitka. Whatever you can spare of any sort of a thing send it along. Will you be so kind as to send Dr. Dickinson by return mail the subsequence of this letter. I have not time now to write for this boat for we are just approaching Wrangle, and shall make a very short stop. There should be a permanent married Missionary at Wrangle and also at Sitka. If these are sent at once, I can move further on among the Chil Kats, where there are no whites, but this may be premature. I shall by God's continued blessing be able to write more definitely in a few months.

Mrs. McFarland thinks that it will be well for us to employ one of the Fort Simpson Indians for the present. Some of them came over and preached, and then got drunk. They did harm, upon the whole I feel much encouraged. If we move with careour expedition, we may accomplish a great work in the face of opposition and prejudice. Please forward my papers or letters to Sitka and I will pay the extra postage. The Victoria boats carry mail matter to Wrangle. My time is up.

My regards to Mrs. Lindsley and family.

Yours sincerely,

J. G. Brady.

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Greely, Col.,  
March 18, 1878.

Dr. Jackson,  
Dear Sir:-

At our Ladies Missionary Meeting last week, I was directed to write to you, and enquire if it would be agreeable to you to give us your lecture on Mexico some Sunday Evening to benefit our Missionary cause. If so, would it be any expense to us?

What evening would it be convenient for you to be with us.

By order of the Society,  
Mrs. R. G. Thompson,  
Secretary.

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Greeley, Col.,  
March 18, 1878.

Dr. Jackson,  
Dear Sir:-

We have a Woman's Missionary Society in our Church here, and at their last Meeting Mrs. P. read a paper on Mexico, which awakened the interest of the ladies, and they voted to invite you to come here, and give a lecture on New Mexico. Now it happens that Mother Thompson is Secretary of the Society, and some have feared that she might not write the letter of invitation, or might do it in such a way that you could not accept. It has been suggested, therefore, that I write you, and I do it gladly, and want to urge you to accept. Should be pleased to have you here over a Sabbath. Then you could see the condition of the Churches. Besides I want to see you and have a talk with you about some things before the Meeting of Presbytery. Please try to come. Name your own time. Send me word in season so I can advertise your subject. They will charge an admission for, or take a collection; the proceeds to defray your expense first, and the remainder to go to the work in New Mexico.

I will meet you, and we shall expect you to stop at our home.

Fraternally,  
J. W. Partridge.

P. S.-If you have the time, it might be a good plan to speak to Evans. I have said nothing to the people there, but doubtless we could get out a good audience.

J.W.P.

Lake City, Colo.,  
March 18th, 1878.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Yours of the 13th at hand. I am o'bliged to you for Brother Smith's directions. Cannot say how soon it will be practicable to go to Silverton. Eight parsons are reported to have been killed by snow slides withing the last month. I buried one, two more have been found. There are more snow slides this year, than any previous year. Snow is deep, and travelling dangerous.

Three more added to the Church by letter, making fifteen who have united during the past year, and fourteen by letter, one on probation. Church is prospering finely, audience as large as usual.

I will preach but once each Sabbath during the month of April. It was thought best by the officers of the Church on account of my having had to preach so much during the Winter. It will give me a chance to prepare for examination. My Church is very anxious that I should be ordained. I hope to

be able to pass examination at Presbytery.

Yours in Christ,  
George M. Darley.

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Lincoln, New Mexico,  
March 19, 1878.

Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,

Editor of the Rocky Mountain,  
Dear Brother:-

Yours of March 6th received last mail. Our mail from Las Vegas, via Ft. Sumner, on the buck board, comes twice weekly. I have access to McSweens and Shields Office wherethey receive about twenty-five secular newspapers from all over the country. Many of the County papers of the Territory. I read them in order to post up on affairs of the Territory. Seventy-five miles east of us there will be quite a town. I will visit it, if spared, before long, and see who lives there.

Some think this County (Lincoln) will be divided soon, and that will be one of the County towns. Roswell is the name of the Town. There are some good families there, now. I expect to preach at Fort Stanton soon.

A book came to Lincoln by mail for Mr. J. H. Tunstall, from his mother of London, England, I suppose; title "Meditations on Death and Eternity". Alas! His clothes were lying in the back yard pierced by bullet holes, and his body had just been buried into the grave. Mr. Tunstall was a young man, and carried on an extensive business. Had just drawn on a bank of London for several thousand pounds, which had not reached here at the time of his death.

Met Dr. Levenson of Colorado, says he will bring down a small colony, if the County becomes peaceful again. They will come, some from Colorado and some from New England. Did I tell you about Jack Long? Said he helped hang a preacher in Arizona. Do you know anything about a minister being hung in Arizona? Thought as he was drunk, perhaps he might have been telling the truth.

Received the religious papers which you sent me. What suggestion would you make in reference to building a school-room, which for the present will answer for a Chapel. Mr. McSween thinks it would be better to build a school-room. Says nothing about a Church, and let all the town help; but, I am afraid that there might be trouble in the future. Think I can get one man to give one hundred dollars, whether it is denominational or not. Yes, two men can be found who will give that much.

The news here can be told in few words, and yet to understand it thoroughly, it would require volumes.

Mr. McSween was administrator of the Fritz estate.



He performed his duty, and two or three here wanted to make him pay it over to them, when he knows and they know that their are five heirs in Germany. He refuses, and they want to kill him. So far as I know him, he is a noble man, and would have done well to have belonged to the Covenanters. They are prosecuting him partly because he is a Presbyterian. He has been arrested, and has offered bail; but they refuse it. Just because they want to get him out of Lincoln. He refuses to go to Jail, because they have threatened his life. He is now a refugee. I can see no dishonor in it. They are a dirty set of irish cut throats, and you know what their religion is. They drink whiskey, gamble, and nothing is too bad for them. Mr. Sweeny carries nothing to defend himself, threatens no one, is dangerous to no one. God save him.

We are all well.

Yours,

T. F. Ealy, M. D.

Will write something for publication again.

Austin, Texas,  
March 22, 1878.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

I return the letter and newspapers to you. I have copied the letter, and left it with Brother Elliott or Muskogee in the Indian country, and I think some thing will be heard from it in the meeting of the Presbytery of Horho, week after next. Some of these statements are most sinfully enormous, and all of them indicate a bad spirit on the part of the writer.

As soon as I can do it, I shall write to the Evangelist at New York several letters in regard to the Indian work and I think the Foreign Board will gain nothing from the thing, while I do not intend to put any thing in a printed form.

I intend to be at the Meeting of the Assembly, and shall expect to see you there.

Yours fraternally,  
T. Hill.

Fort Wrangel, Alaska,  
March 26, 1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,  
Dear Brother:-

The California returned from Sitka last week sooner than we expected. I was hurried so much to get my mail ready, that I remembered after I had sent my letters

to the Office, that I had sealed up your letter, and sent it off without finishing it. Mr. Brady returned from Sitka on the Steamer, but informed me that he only expected to remain at Trangel until the next trip, when he should go back to Sitka, and commence work there. I am much surprised and disappointed. Particularly, as he tells me, he does not think there can be another man here before July or August. It discourages me very much. I feel that it will be much harder for me to carry on the work alone, after he has been here a month, than it was before he came. Indeed I have thought it would have been better if he had not stopped here at all. It will only increase the feeling among the Indians, that they cannot depend on the promises of the white men. They say that they have been deceived, and disappointed so often by the white men, that they do not know what to expect. Then he (Mr. Brady) says, there is no prospect of any minister, but young men from the Seminary. Now I have felt more than ever since he came the importance of having an older man. One with some experience in organizing and carrying on Church work.

Mr. Brady is very zealous, and very anxious to commence a building. He worked all last week with all the Indians that he could get to help him, clearing off the ground for buildings. (The place that Mr. Mallory and Mr. Vanderbilt selected) I think Dr. Lindsley urged him to get up a cheap building at once, so as to save rent. I wrote to the Doctor that as Mr. Vanderbilt had promised me, that he will reduce the rent of school room by the first of May to ten dollars per month, that it seemed to me, it would be very unwise to commence a building such as he proposes, a cheap unsightly affair that we could only use for the time being. Especially as he does not expect to remain to carry it on. I have urged that the labor be expended in clearing and fencing the ground. But Mr. Brady, is very much set in his way of thinking, and I don't know what he will do. Between you and I, I think he wants the honor of starting the first church building, and commencing the first mission in Alaska. This last I do not think he will be entitled to. Now Doctor, I don't want to repeat, but I am not sure I did write this about the building in the other letter. Mr. Brady married Tow-a-att, our christian chief and his wife, and Moses and his wife Sabbath morning in the Church. He married them with the Episcopal service, ring and all. Yesterday (Monday) morning some Indians came to my school-room to know if we would not go to "Shakes" Island, and have a funeral service for a young man that had died the night before. I wrote a note to Mr. Brady to come up. He came, and I dismissed school. We took some of our Indians with us, and went over. We were very kindly received, and had a very interesting meeting. The heathen Indians seemed very much impressed. They intended to burn the body, but before we came away, the prominent man among them made a speech. Said he was going to have a hole made, and bury the dead man as white men did. He said,

if a minister came to live at Fort Wrangel, he was to be the head, and they were bound to do whatever he told them. The hearts of even the heathen Indians seem to be opened in a wonderful manner. Everything seems ready for a great work to be done here for Christ among these people. If there was only some one to take right hold of it now, and carry it on, but oh I feel so crushed, when I think that it is to be left again in my hands. What am I to do? My heart almost fails me. Had I known Mr. Brady was not going to remain, I would have written Dr. Lindsley on the subject, and urged him to send us some person by next Steamer temporarily until a man could come to us from the East. I hope you will not become wearied with my importunity about this matter. I see and feel the importance of it so much, and also feel that it is so little I can do. But I do pray that our Father in Heaven, who sees and knows it all, will raise up help for us.

At two o'clock yesterday, a messenger came with an invitation for Mr. Brady and I to go to a wedding feast that Tow-a-att and Moses were going to give in Matthews' House. Of course we went. How much I wished you could have been there. For I fear that I cannot describe it very well. We were perfectly astonished to see how nicely they had everything arranged. Their tables were nicely set with clean white cloth. They had two long tables that extended clear across the house. (You will remember how Matthews's house is built, with a part of the floor raised about three feet higher than the floor of the main building) Up on this elevation, they had set a small table for Mr. Brady and I to eat at. Their dinner was really very nice. They had crackers and butter, salmon, canned apricots, pies and different kinds of plum pudding, and tea and coffee with condensed milk and white sugar. I have eating plum pudding made by white people, that was not nearly as good as theirs. They had prepared great quantities of everything. There was a great many Indians present. The two long tables were filled three times, and every one had all they could eat. It was surprising to see how orderly and quietly everything was carried on, when there was such a crowd there, and they, almost all Indians. There was several of the Tongas and Ka Porychiefs there, Mr. Brady had a long talk with them. One a very fine looking and intelligent Tongas Chief (who did most of the talking) wanted to know when his people were to have schools and preachers. Mr. Brady asked if there had been anything done for them. We were astonished at his answer. He said, Mr. Crosby had been there, and offered to do something for them. But, that they belong to the United States, and they did not want King Georges people coming over to teach. He said no, we will look to American people for help. We told him it made us proud to know they felt so. Mr. Brady told them they should have teachers just as soon as they could be secured. This talk was going on while the second and third tables were eating. After all had eaten, and the tables were carried out

Tow-a-att proposed that they should have a regular Indian dance to show us how they used to do before they knew about God. They dressed up in their Indian costumes, all masked, so we could not tell who they were. They came out and danced four different kinds of dances, and it was a great sight; one that cannot soon be forgotten by those who looked on. After the dance was over, they played a game called the Flag Game. They drew Mr. Brady and I into this. It was a very nice game, and it amused them very much to have us take part. At the close of this Tow-a-att made a speech, said that was their last dance. That now they had learned a better way, and did not intend to dance any more. He then turned around, and presented Mr. Brady and I each with one of their musical instruments. Said they had no further use for them. The party then broke up, and all went home before dark. Just before we left, Tow-a-att made me a present of an Indian spoon. It is made of the horn of the Mountain Sheep. It is perfectly black, and very finely carved. I prize it very highly indeed. It was considered of great value, and I feel highly honored to receive such a present from a chief.

April 3rd. Mr. Brady is doing a great deal of writing. I asked him what paper he was going to write for. He said "The Christian Union". I want you to send me anything you see of his writings. I want to know what he thinks and says (I can return anything to you, that you might wish to keep) I know Mr. Brady has formed some very erroneous opinions about many things. Mr. Vanderbilt has felt quite provoked at him. He is not willing to be set right, but thinks he knows a great deal better how to manage these Indians than any of the rest of us do. For instance. His ideas about dancing. Now all the Indians that had taken any interest in the Church and School had given up dancing. (Not that I had told them they must, for I never had). Last Friday night at Prayer-meeting, he told them, that he wanted to talk about dancing. Said, he did not believe that a great many did on that subject, and that if they wanted to dance when the holidays or other festivals days came around, there was no harm in it, and no Christian on Earth could object to it. Every person here says, if the Indians go back to dancing, they will give up everything else. Now of course all these things I write you about Mr. Brady are confidential. But, you will see what I will have to contend with when he is gone. I do pray God will send us a different kind of a man.

What time in the Summer do you expect to be here? Mr. Vanderbilt says, he does hope you will come for he wants to see you very much. Do you think we will get any aid from Government for our Schools?

April 6th. You have never said whether you had succeeded in interesting any of the ladies in me, and my work enough for them to help me in any of the ways you talked of.

April 11th. Much to our surprise the California

came in yesterday morning at daylight. Miss Kellogg was aboard. She and Mr. Brady have now gone to Sitka. I received your two letters of the 12th and 20th of March. I feel very grateful that you are willing to write me every mail, when I know so well how fully your time is occupied.

I have had many letters from persons in the East, telling me how much they had felt interested in Alaska, since your visit among them. But there is some mistake about the money being sent to me. I never received one hundred dollars from a church in Pittsburgh. I have only received eight dollars altogether. Three dollars from a young lady and five dollars from a Mission Band in Ohio. This eight dollars I applied as part payment on books I had bought. Dr. Lindsley writes that he has settled up all matters with the treasurer. So I suppose all is paid. He did not send me any statement or account of settlement of any kind.

I infer from his letter, that everything is paid up to the first of February. All the expenses of the School, Church & c. But I did not hear from the Board, so have received no salary. There will be three-quarters due me by the first of May. Besides what I advanced twenty-seven dollars and thirty cents in order to settle up matters. Dr. Lindsley did not say anything about paying this money I advanced.

By this mail I received a sewing machine. I suppose your remark in the last "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian" brought that. I am truly thankful to you for it. Now I want to write about Philip's wife. I had a letter on Monday from Mr. Crosby. He thinks we ought to help Annie, but Dr. Lindsley and Mr. Brady oppose it. They have gotten an idea that all we do for Annie is just taking that much from Fort Wrangel, and giving it to Fort Simpson. They do not seem to have the least sympathy for Philip's wife. But I feel that it is our duty to help her, but I am utterly unable to tell what it would cost me to Board, Clothe and Teach Annie per year. I asked Mr. Vanderbilt what he thought it would be worth. He said he thought six dollars a week would be the very lowest she could be boarded for. Now if there is three hundred dollars furnished me for the boarding, and some of the ladies will pledge themselves to send her all the clothing she needs, I will not charge anything for teaching her. Of course I shall keep all transactions that pass between you and I to myself.

Mrs. Vanderbilt has just been over, and she tells me she expects to go to Portland by next Steamer. I do not know what I shall do. She is just lovely, and has been so kind to me. But she feels that it is her duty to go down to a Doctor with her babe. It has not been well for a long time. Then her husband will be gone the most of the Summer, and she thinks she might as well go home as to stay here alone.

None of the letters say a word about those young ministers being married before they come out. Now I shall feel quite dreadfully, if they come without bringing wives with them,

and I think it will be a great drawback to the work for them to do so. By this mail I received a very nice letter from a Miss Dunbar, who write me that she saw you in Pittsburgh. I like the spirit of her letter very much, and think she would be a valuable assistant could she be sent to Fort Wrangel. If she could be here by the First of September, when we will open school again, after having a vacation, I would be rejoiced. She wrote me, that you also met my Nephew John W. McFarland, who is so anxious to be in Missionary work. Poor boy, I feel very sorry for him. This morning, I have written a letter to the "Leaders Home Missionary Convention" to meet at Pittsburgh, as you request. I will enclose it with this letter, and trust to you and Mrs. Jackson to see that it reaches the Convention. Doctor I want you to tell me what you think of it. If it is about what you wanted me to write.

We are having our Winter now. This week we have had the worst weather, I have seen since coming to Fort Wrangel, and for the last two hours, we have been having a terrific snow-storm.

Mr. Tumont has been very sick for a week. I think when the California returns, he will go down Victoria to a Doctor if he is able to go. It does seem too bad that we cannot have a Doctor here. Yet I fear if there was one to come, that he could not make his living off his practise. Surely not after the white men go off to the mines. It does seem to me, if a christian physician could be found who would be willing to take charge of the school, that it would be a splendid idea. I have written you a very long letter, but you know I never know when to stop when I get to writing to you about Alaska.

No, I have no picture of Philip, and if you could spare me one, I will be much obliged. Mrs. Dickinson, says, Annie has none but one taken a good while ago. Mr. Brady took Mrs. Dickinson's boy with him.

Much love to Mrs. Jackson and the girls.

Your Sister in Christ,

A. R. McFarland.

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25-Centre Street, New York, N. Y.,  
March 25, 1878.

A copy of the Resolutions passed by the Board of Home Missions, at the regular meeting held March 26, 1878.

"Resolved 1st. That Dr. Sheldon Jackson, a Synodical Missionary, under the care of this Board, be requested not to assume the title of Superintendent of Home Missions, but to call himself simply Synodical Missionary.

Resolved 2nd. That Dr. Jackson be requested not to use his title, as connected with the Board, as Editor of the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian, -thus apparently putting the sanction of this Board upon that paper".

Memoranda, ---In my reply to Resolution 1st, I called the attention of the Board to the fact that the title of "Superintendent" under the peculiar conditions pertaining to my field of work, made the title essential to the highest success. Upon the reception of my letter, the Board was so far convinced of the practical wisdom of my course, that they allowed the title to be used, as long as I was in charge of the work.

The best commentary on resolution 2nd was, that the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian became such a power in the Church, that in January 1882, the Board adopted it, as their official organ.

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23-Centre Street, New York, N. Y.  
March 28, 1878.

Rev. S. Jackson, D. D.,  
Denver, Col.

Dear Sir:-

At the March Meeting of the Board Of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church, the following action was taken on the applications from your presbytery.

	Date Commission	Am't ask	Am't gr
Mr. W. C. Beebe	-----4/1/78	\$800.	\$800.
Mr. H. R. Palmer	-----For expenses		221.
Salary with Government aid, made \$1100. Oct. 1, 77-full for Aug. and September.			
Mr. J. S. McMillan,	---granted rate of		300.
Miss Soule appointed to the aid of school year to take Miss Snows place at Mt. Pleasant.			
Miss M. Bumbar	-----Ad.		100.
Mrs. M. N. Roberts,	-----"		200.
C. M. Parks and wife, referred with power.			

H. Kendall, Sec's.  
Cyrus Dickson,

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Indianapolis, Ind.,  
March 31, 1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:-

Nearly two years ago, I wrote to you making inquiries about a needy Home Missionary to whom a small sum from a ladies bible class would be acceptable. You recommended Rev. W. P. Teitsworth, then at Longmont, Col. We sent him our mite. About a year ago, I had a letter from him dated Fairplay, Col., asking if we could do anything for him. We could do nothing then, but now are ready to give him some help. I wrote to him at Fairplay, and my letter was returned endorsed "No such person here".

I write to you hoping you can and will give me his

address.

I am at a loss where to address you, but think a letter sent to Denver will be properly forwarded. I noticed by the Herald and Presbyterian, that a month ago at St. Louis, you addressed the Woman's Board of Missions on Home Missions. I wish we might look forward to hearing you here soon. The first time I ever felt deeply moved by the subject of Home Missions was upon the occasion of an address by yourself in the First Presbyterian Church here. If I had been able then, I would immediately have pledged myself to support one "Home Missionary and I would to-day, I think, if I had the means. So the good seed you sowed that night has borne fruit in one heart (I doubt not in hundreds) and although I can never probably do much appreciable work, yet the broadening of my christian sympathy has done me good.

I have been very much interested in your accounts of Mission fields in the West, I might certainly say in this case the far West, and be safe!

What a letter, simply to make an inquiry!

In christian sympathy,

Very truly yours,

Mrs. M. A. E. Woollen.

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Santa Fe, New Mexico.

April 1, 1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:-

I have had more than enough to do of late -- much to encourage me in the work -- more than ever before. If you can possibly get the ladies to send \$1000 S. on some one to help me I will be greatly relieved. Miss S. has been ready some months but could not raise the money. I cannot bear to give up the work among Mexicans, and the school is better than last year, i. e. in Mexican pupils. I had made arrangements to get money on my property when I received a letter from Miss Graham saying the Soc. were going to send me some money. I then wrote to my sister not to mortgage my property. I heard nothing more from Mrs. G. or Board and am more straightened than ever.

Have tried in vain to get my property into money. Mrs. Schofield and my sister both advise me not to sell because city improvements are adding greatly to its value. My step-daughter would send me a couple of hundred dollars, but she cannot collect the interest of her money and the same man who owes her, is also owing me and I cannot get a cent. I know she wishes to help me and the cause. I speak particularly because my cousin blames me so intensely and assumes to know as to my circumstances better than the friends who are managing for me, or myself. I had no idea of her spirit until we started from Garland, and Dr. Kendall was the chief-



est of sinners, but I expect to survive. I sent her a note of \$121.00, which she renewed when here, and she sent it back in indignation, because my sister could not find the old one, and I left it at her pleasure to pay or not but am going to send it with the assurance that she will never have to pay either and I would not speak about this but she has said and written so much about me that with other things, I feel pretty badly sometimes. Yet I find all these things are not in vain, but I get such kindly letters from friends whose hearts are with me in this work, and especially my step daughter -- who is mine by no common tie -- therefore I have much to rejoice over in the midst of trial. If I can get through the year and pay up I will be so thankful, as I find my health is not benefitted by anxiety. If I can only have more time out of school I am all right. One of my pupils stopped this evening to read the passage in Matt. on the birth of Christ. I think he was satisfied. I would copy the letter I have written, but have not time this week.

I would like to know what Dr. Kendall's reasons are for withholding a commission in my case, and why I was not surprised of it, that I might have borrowed money at home. I have been paying fifteen per cent for money to live on, though my cousin in Iowa has sent supplies for Lilly. I may possibly send Lilly to my sister, if I have an opportunity this spring or summer. But she is an advantage to me when I go to Mexican homes, as she never hesitates to sing for them and every week the Indians bring her some little gift.

But it is time to stop. My love to the family. I never sent Mrs. J. pay for the S. S. cards. How much were they?

Yours in the work,  
M. B. Griffith.

P. S. My letter sounds cross. I would not want any part of my letter to get into print. That would rouse the Priests here. The things of the past do not seem fit for me to bring before the public, hence I have omitted some things I thought to write.

Tucson, A. T.  
April 4, 1878.

To Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:-

Arizona papers publish slanderous quotations your St. Louis speech. I brand same false. Telegraph what you said for publication here.

J. B. Anderson.

Telegram Via Santa Fe, N. M.

Ladies of the Presbyterian Churches of Brooklyn,  
New York.

In accordance with the request of Dr. Kendall and at the intimation of some of the Ladies of your Society, that you would be more interested in some specific work, I have just taken a long trip of 600 miles of staging through Central and Southern Utah. Going as far South as St. George within four miles of Arizona line, the winter residence of Brigham Young and the location of their first completed Temple. This temple is reported to have cost \$800,000, but could have been built for much less by Gentiles. During the trip we ate at their tables, and slept in our blankets on the floor before their fireplaces. Of course we saw much of their home life, and heard much from them of the various phases of their system, with something of its monstrosities.

According to their own showing there is not a township in their whole territory that has not repeatedly been stained with the blood of those who becoming obstinate to the ruling powers of the Church were murdered at the command of the Church. A prominent article of their faith is "Blood atonement." That is if a Mormon shows any sign of apostatizing, it is the duty of their friends to kill them, as the shedding of their blood will be the salvation of their souls. On the principle that if a hand or eye offend, it had better be cut off or plucked out, that the soul may be saved. So it is a real kindness to take the life of their friends, and thereby save their souls. At one of our Mission Stations a father one day called his half grown children around him, and solemnly told them that if they persisted in attending the Gentile Mission School he would have to kill them to save them from the far worse fate of going to hell. This doctrine has borne legitimate fruit in hundreds of murders. It has been constantly preached from their pulpits that "if you hear a noise in the street, don't look out. If you wake up some morning and find the dogs carrying your husband's head about you must ask no questions."

They are also constantly and publicly taught from the pulpit that it is not wrong but a duty for a saint to conceal the truth or to swear falsely, if necessary, for the sake of the Kingdom of God. Consequently the impossibility of punishing crime committed in the interest of the church. Every faithful Mormon is required to join the order of Fnoch &c. (See Notes.) Thus the entire people are brought into slavery to the Church, and it is only when a man apostatizes, refusing to put all his property into the hands of the church and pay a tenth of his all each year that he commences to accumulate property.

There is no such tyranny of the masses in India or even despotic Turkey, as exists in the very center of our own country, and which through a combination of circumstances the law

and government are powerless to reach. To my mind there is no hope of redress from congressional legislation. The only hope of removing that foul blot from our country --- of breaking up that iniquitous system, of freeing the thousands of deluded victims is the establishment of Gentile Missions among them, and in this movement the Woman Missionary, at the outset is more important than the man. It is emphatically woman's mission in this country, --- Emphatically woman's work for degraded and oppressed woman in this land. The zenana homes in Utah are as deadly and far less comfortable than the zenana homes of India, and the condition of women less tolerable than those that are publicly sold in the slave marts of Turkey.

The great mass of the Mormon women, can no more escape from their degradation than if they were shut up in the harems of Turkey. They can go in and out of their house and freely through the village in which they live, but let one of them in the interior towns attempt to escape from Utah, and before she would get many miles, she would be shot and her body left to feed the ravens and wolves. That is the condition in this year, 1877. Thus while their condition is so perilous it is far less comfortable. The size of the harem depends upon the length of the purse of the possessor. Their apartments are fitted up with all the luxuries of which they have any knowledge. The occupants usually have no drudgery or work or menial service. Trained servants wait on them, and all the amusements of their country are open to them to assist in whiling away their time. But in the harems of Utah the case is different, the number of women is not limited to the ability of the man to support them, for in most instances they are required to earn their own support, sometimes by most menial employments. They are further expected as far as possible to support their children and in some instances even help support the man. So the more women the man has, the more slaves he has to work for him, without wages. The women largely supporting themselves and households, they are in great poverty and their lives a slavery and drudgery of which the occupants of the Zennana of India have

no experience. It is a life that crushes out every generous impulse --- every aspiration for something better --- and all the energy born of hope. It is a life that crushes out love, and leaves the heart dead, while the body lives. A life that in hundreds of cases has unseated reason and in others driven to suicide.

In a village through which I passed a beastly man brought home his concubine and the rightful wife went to her room and in ten minutes was a corpse. She committed suicide by hanging. In every direction I heard of first wives, who were insane, insane from the time when another woman was brought into the household.

Again and again has the wail of agony gone out from compressed lips and crushed hearts, "O why does our God require such a hard thing from us?"

Even the ordinary decencies of universal humanity are trampled under foot in the deeper degradation of woman. One man claims a grandmother, mother and two daughters --- three generations as his wives.

A man prominent in the Mormon Church, has his own sister among his wives. Another man, a bishop's counselor, begat a child by his own daughter, she being at the time the third wife of another man.

A bishop of the church, the husband of three wives begat a child by a virgin of his congregation. When many remarks began to be made in the community about it, he arose in the pulpit one Sabbath and said that the Saviour was born of a virgin, and why should it be thought a thing incredible to occur again. That he had been very much pained at the unjust imputations that had been made against the character of one of the loveliest and purest members of the church. That if God had in these days so distinguished the church of the latter day saints as to cause one of their virgins to bear a Christ, that instead of slandering her character, they ought to more highly honor her who had brought such glory to their village.

A friend of mine on an exploring expedition through an out of the way section of the country had occasion to camp one night near the two room residence of a bishop who numbered among his wives an American woman, English, Swede, negress, and squaw. His horses becoming restless he got up to look after them, when what was his surprise to find these women and their children lying all around the straw stack like so many cattle.

These disgusting and painful things but feebly convey to your minds the degradation which has fallen upon your own sex in your own land. Their mute cry of despair goes up before God--- as they daily go down to death, and a miserable life is followed by a more miserable eternity.

A hundred fold worse off in this life than if they had lived in India for then 500 societies of women would be vying with each other in their zeal to send them the gospel. But because they are in this land, there are not over 5 societies trying to do anything for them --- And who is responsible for their souls? Largely the Christian women of the United States. They have shown that last year they could raise \$90,000 to send help to their degraded sisters in Asia and Africa and less than \$500 to save these tens of thousands of degraded women in their own land. If they were more in earnest to help these women then the thousands of dollars placed at the disposal of the Home Board would enable them to establish mission schools in every large village and sustain two or three of lady teachers two in a place.

About 200 miles south of Salt Lake City is Ephraim and Manti, two Mormon villages near together and in the midst of a most fertile valley, and surrounded by populous villages on every hand. In that valley are 14 villages with an aggregate population of 1200 or 1500. Rev. Mr. McMillan's mission is in the northern end of this valley; Ephraim and Manti about the center. Manti is a county seat and the Mormons have commenced

their second great temple there. It is there we would like you to establish a new mission. And would suggest a Minister and his wife reside at Ephraim, the wife to teach and the minister to have general supervision of the work through the southern half of the county. Then we would have two lady teachers at Manti, and one at Monroe, 60 miles south. This would make three stations with one male and four female missionaries at an expense of from \$2000 to \$2500. This arrangement would enable you to evangelize and leaven one of the most populous and prosperous valleys in all Utah.

Now it remains for you to say whether it shall be done or not. You might not be able to help so much those poor women, who are now in the prison of polygamy, but you can save the tens of thousands of girls that are coming on to a marriageable age from this soul-destroying degradation of polygamy. Of the eleven girl pupils that have been married out of Rev. Mr. McMillan's school during the past two years not one has entered into polygamy. The leavening influences of a mission school will largely save them from it. Will you give them such a school? Look on your own fair daughters and nieces and think how many thousands of just such, are blindly drifting into all the horrors of polygamy, because there is no one to teach them better.

As you happy wives remember your own happy homes --- happy because Christian influences have made them so, --- Will you not as a thankoffering to them who by His grace has saved you from the life long misery of a polygamous home, rally to the relief of these poor degraded Mormon women? The Lord has now brought to your notice a knowledge of their distressing need, and now He waits to see how much you are willing to deny self, that these may be won to Him. Shall it be done! What say you?

Denver, Colorado.  
1877.

Rev. Henry Kendall, D. D.,  
Secretary of Home Missions,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Kendall:

The transition from a mission tour off the coast of Alaska in a canoe to one over the Rocky Mountains on horseback was sudden and great. Reaching home from Alaska on a Wednesday night, the following Saturday morning I was off for the frontier stations over the range before the early snows should render the trails impassible.

Two hundred and fifty miles on the D & R. G. Railway, south along the base of the Mountains, then westward over the Sangre-de-Christo Range at an elevation of 9333 feet brought me to Alamosa on the Rio Grande Del Norte River.

The next morning I preached in the little Presbyterian Church of the Strangers. Rev. Alex. M. Darley then took me into his buggy and drove 25 miles to Del Norte, arriving just as the bell was ringing for church. Hastily swallowing a cup of tea, I went to the Court Room and preached to a full house.

Getting up at 3 o'clock the next morning and taking the stage we were whirled at a rapid rate up the picturesque valley of the Rio Grande, through Waggon Wheel Gap, along the romantic mountain lake, San Miguel, until at an elevation of 1140 feet above tide water we were at the Head Springs of the Rio Grande upon the Continental Divide.

From thence the descent was rapid over a corduroy road down Slum-gullion Pass to Lake City. This thriving mining town is the Bishopric of Rev. Geo. M. Darley.

The church, parsonage and other surroundings attest his efficiency in the work.

This is the most prosperous church in the San Juan Mining district and so popular in Lake that other denominations have not been able to get a foot-hold.

Tuesday morning taking Rev. M. Darley, who is ever ready for any hard and dangerous trip for the church, we started on horseback to cross the range to Silverton, 35 or 40 miles distant. Turning up Hensen Creek and riding through scenery indescribably wild and grand, noon brought us to Capitol for dinner.

Resaddling our horses, we pressed forward as rapidly as the high elevation would admit of. We were now higher than Mt. Washington. On and upward, until we were in the clouds - on to timber line, where two or three years ago, we anxiously waited to cross the range at two a.m., while the frozen crust of the snow would bear us. Still on over great fields of jagged rock. It was a second Mt. Washington on top of the first. And still our horses were painfully and slowly toiling upwards.

We pass a large field of perpetual snow and are on the summit of Engineer Pass, amid a vast wilderness of Peaks over 14000 feet high, that in their grand and awful desolation seem like the

chaos of ruined worlds. The vastness of our surroundings is oppressive. No living thing is seen but the little conies that bark among the rocks. We seem the sole occupants of illimitable space. We give but a few moments to this sublime scene, as there is a hard ride before us and the afternoon is wearing away. Retightening the girths to our saddles, we commence the steep zig-zag descent. Down and down and down until there seems no bottom. Down to where Animas Forks Mining Camp is perched at timber line. Down over the paths of the avalanche that every winter claim their victims. It is the U. S. Post Mail route to death. Not a single season has passed since its establishment that one or more mail carriers with the mail lashed to their backs have not started out never to return alive, but to be over-  
n and swept into Eternity by the swift terrible snow slide.

Down we go to Eureka, whose one long street is lined on either side by deserted log houses. Down past mines innumerable, where men delve for gold and silver amid great privations; where large numbers sacrifice early religion, training, integrity and manhood; and wrecked in fortunes and characters find premature graves. They swarm and burrow in the mountains by the thousands. When will the Church enable the Board of Home Missions to follow them with the sustaining strength and consolation of the gospel that far from home and kindred and moral restraint, they may be saved to their country, their friends, their church and Redeemer. Below Eureka the valley widens out and we gallop down into Howardsville and catch a passing glimpse of young men in the saloons; it may be the hope of a widowed mother, or the sons of Christian parents on the downward road to ruin. What else can Christian parents expect, when, by withholding their means, they prevent the sending of Ministers to such communities.

Night is upon us, still we are galloping on and down, until late in the evening we reach the hotel at Silverton, so tired and sore and raw that it is with great pain and difficulty we are able to undress and get to bed. Early the next morning we are again in the saddle for we must make 50 miles and we do it. Just after sun down we reach Animas City and are warmly welcomed by Rev. W. C. Beebe and his church.

Mr. Beebe is bishop of a district as large as the state of Vermont. He had recently returned from a horse-back trip of 300 miles into the wilderness near the edge of Utah to marry a couple and preach in the regions beyond. Our cause at Animas is represented by a neat chapel, good congregation and an efficient minister.

The next day after calling on nearly all the families of the congregation in the village, we are again in the saddle on our return trip. Night found us enjoying the hospitality of the Hon. Judge Pinkerton. On his farm are several fine hot Springs that will some day be much visited.

At 6 o'clock the next morning we were again on the road. The forests were on fire in every direction. Set on fire by

small bands of Utes. Two miles west of us they were destroying the fences and hay of a frontier settler. The Utes were on the war path and small bands were in the woods on either side of us. Even then couriers were flying through the country warning exposed settlers of their danger. Not meeting any of them, we rode on unconscious of our danger, and it was not until we reached our stopping place for the night that we heard of the outbreak. We rode 52 miles that day. The next morning it was judged best that Mr. Darley return to his family, while I continued on the trail to Quer.

Reaching there everything was in a high state of excitement. The farmers outside of the village were hurriedly bringing their families in for protection. Two companies of Militia had been organized, guns and ammunition distributed- a rude barricade and earth works were being hastily thrown up, pickets were stationed outside and all kinds of rumors flying from mouth to mouth.

All the families of the congregation were visited and on Sabbath good audiences were at church considering the excited condition of the community.

Sabbath night the fitful gusts of wind accompanied with a driving rain, gave warning of the coming storm and anxiety lest the mountain passes should be blocked with snow.

Rising as soon as it was light, a glance at the range revealed it white with fresh snow. Getting an early breakfast I started out to cross the range. A few miles out and an unexpected difficulty presented itself. The forests had been on fire and in some places burnt out the timbers that supported the trail. The storm of the preceding night had also blown a good many trees across the track, some of them too large either to remove or get over. The only thing to be done was to throw off my wrappings and with my hands make a new trail around the obstructions. This consumed nearly all forenoon. At one place having forced my horse up the mountain side on some loose rocks, it started a land slide. The rocks slipping out from under his feet, he quietly lay down on his side and went down with the rest. When almost exhausted these difficulties were overcome and after that I made more rapid progress.

As I climbed upward the rain gave place to snow. Passing upward through the snow cloud at an elevation of 13000 feet I was above it and saw the snow storm raging below, while all around the great peaks were glistening in the sunshine. The wind that swept across the summit was too cold to allow of much tarrying, so hastening down the eastern side, by dusk I was safely housed at the parsonage at Lake City.

A day and night of staging and fourteen hours on the railroad brought me home in time to attend the fall meeting of the Presbytery of Colorado.

Very sincerely yours,

Sheldon Jackson.



Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico,  
November 2, 1877.

Dr. & Mrs. Henry Kendall,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Friends:

As you have so recently been in New Mexico, you will be interested in my recent trip. After you left Denver, it continued to storm at intervals up to the present, so that when I left Denver on Tuesday the snow was six inches deep and still snowing. When I reached Fort Garland there was no snow on the ground - Wednesday a.m., Rev. Alex. M. Darley met me with a broncho team before his light buckboard. At the Fort I met Gov. Axtell of New Mexico, Miss Rich of Santa Fe, Dr. Partelson & wife and Col. Whitehead.

Miss Burnham of Missouri on her way to Taos as teacher for El Rancho was also there. The Army officers had found her out at Garland City and kindly offered her a free ride in the Santa Fe ambulances with Col. Whitehead and party. There were three ladies in the party. Miss Burnham had previously reported herself to us in Denver. We are much pleased with her appearance.

Before I forget it, the Officers of the Denver & Rio Grande R. R., are much pleased with your allusion to their road in the Evangelist.

Mr. Edward M. Deems was ordained and installed last Sabbath at Longmont, Col. Mr. John Ried is to be installed at Boulder about December 1st.

A few miles out from Garland there came on a severe storm of hail, snow and sleet, in which we rode three or four hours without cover or umbrella. Made Conejos the first day and put up at a Mexican house, where we had coffee (without milk) stewed mutton and tortillas for supper and the same for breakfast. Thursday started at 7 a. m. Ten miles west of Conejos we commenced climbing the mountains and from thence on it was up and up and up - the snow increasing from one inch to a foot in depth.

The new Military road exists only in imagination yet. It has been staked out and blazed through woods, but not yet graded, and some tracks have been made by pilgrims like ourselves that supposed there was really a road there. The first teams were thirty days in getting sixty miles - a number of teams were two weeks on the way. We made it in two days at great risk to limb and life. About one p. m. on Thursday we trotted over the edge of a precipice of about 1000 feet of a steep slope not seeing it until we made the turn of the descent. I sprang out. Darley instantly put on the brake, but it wouldn't hold and soon the bronchos were on a full run. The wagon flew through the air as it bounded from rock to rock and our blankets and provisions strewed the road. I gave the team up for lost

when one of the bronchos concluded to balk - but the momentum was so great that he slid along about 50 feet when things came to a halt. And not a step further would he budge. We finally took the team off and chaining both wheels, let the waggon down the mountain by hand. The roughest portion of our trip to Blue Water and return was child's play to this. We toiled through canons- bogs - over fallen timber and rocks - until night overtook us on the summit, 1000 feet high. We drove into a thick clump of tall pines and camped. The snow was nearly two feet deep and cold intense. I judge below zero.

With great labor we heaped up a pile of logs three or four feet high, for a fire which sent the sparks to the top of the tallest pines and lighted up the woods all around. The horses were tied on one side of the fire to keep them from the mountain lions and we laid pine boughs on top of the snow for our bed, upon which we took turns sleeping, the others standing watch for mountain lions. Had to melt snow for our coffee.

Yesterday morning we were on our way about sun rise and all forenoon were able to make about one mile an hour. Twice we had to take the team off, lock the wheels, turn the waggon around and let it down a mountain side, backward with ropes by hand from one to two thousand feet.

At one point Mr. Darley gave up completely and declared that there was no use trying - we might as well abandon the wagon first as last. But I told him we could try, and if we got down safely all right, and if the thing went to the bottom with a smash, it was not much worse than to abandon it at the top. But we got down safely after a severe struggle, and about 2 p. m. got out of the mountains into the valley, where the rest of the afternoon we made from 6 to 8 miles an hour, reaching the Indian Agency last night. Have made arrangements to preach at the Chicago Colony, six miles above here, to-morrow. There are eight families there. The land location and surroundings are very choice and it could make a prosperous colony - but the leaders are without means and quarrelling among themselves.

Mr. Darley and Agent Russell are now off visiting some of the Mexican plazas. The small pox is raging very badly all through here, and is proving very fatal.

Denver, Col.

November 15,

We left Tierra Amarilla on the 6th for Taos. On Sabbath previous I baptized the first American child born in the Chicago Colony. The day we left for Taos, we concluded to go around by Abiquin. Night overtook us and in the darkness we got lost, although Agt. Russell was with us. We finally reached the ranch of Mr. Gallegos, the richest Mexican in all that section, reputed to be worth from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

He entertained us nicely and would take no pay. The next day we made Ojos Calliente by dark. Found there a good two

story hotel with 40 bath rooms attached for the use of visitors to the famous Hot Springs which exist there. The third day we expected to make Taos, but we got lost, and went 20 miles out of our way, reaching the Rio Grande about 9 p. m. Not daring to cross the river in the darkness we went into camp. Among rocks and cacti so thick, that the only place to lay our blankets was in the dust in the middle of the road. It was a bitter cold night and our teams were without feed.

Reaching Taos on the afternoon of the 4th day. Rev. Messrs. Smith and Menaul, accompanied by Mrs. & Miss Smith & Mrs. Thompson, hired a four horse ambulance at Santa Fe, and while en route their team gave out. So that although they left Plaza Acalde early in the morning they did not reach Taos until half past eleven p. m., that night. They walked up and down all those dangerous hills after night, and Mr. Smith had to carry the ladies across Taos Creek in his arms.

Had a pleasant meeting of Presbytery. Mrs. Roberts entertained all the American and Mrs. Vicente Romero the Mexican members. They entertained a pleasant recollection of your visit.

Monday Mr. Darley and I made Costello. Blackmore's was full as usual with 9 strangers. Tuesday it was snowing and blowing furiously. We started out and got lost within a mile from starting. After wandering around in the fields for near two hours, we fetched up in the lower plaza - where we hired a Mexican to put us on the right road - We rode through 6 inches of snow all day, making Fort Garland by sun down.

Mrs. Jackson and the daughters send love,

Sheldon Jackson.

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 Washington, D. C.,  
 August 27, 1877.

My dear Dr. Jackson:

Your letter from Victoria reached me a few days since. Until this I was entirely in the dark as to your whereabouts although I had an indefinite idea of your wandering through the great northwest. Immediately on the receipt of your letter I went to work upon some photographs for distribution to your friends in New Mexico.

In the box I send you I have put the photographs in, in bulk for I would not lose them, but separate them for individuals in time to get them off to-day as you may see by the date of my letter, I am two days late. It was impossible to get them off before. I hope they will not arrive too late, but if you leave before they do they can be reshipped and overtake you in Santa Fe.

These photographs are almost entirely of Colorado scenery, principally ruins and Indians. Of course, when the new negatives are ready, I send to all as though none had been given previously. The enclosed list will give you some idea as to how to distribute. In regard to yourself, Mrs. Chain and Mr. Mills, I will have to send another lot - as I intend these just for the persons to whom we are under obligations for favors extended during our recent trip.

I have just finished my model of Taos and have got a fine thing of it - makes a very showy model. Have Adams under way also. Bulletin No. will not be out until winter some time. There is a great deal of engraving to be done for them. You will be here before we get them out.

In regard to pottery - we want a good many pieces of fine ware - that which is generally brought into Santa Fe for sale is not usually of as good quality as that in common use among themselves. If it can be bought in the Pueblos I should prefer it - and articles in common use rather than new ones. We want them for the sake of the ornamentation, so please look out for fine designs.

Gen. Hatch, Lt. Lord, Capt. McKibbin, Capt. Belcher, Gov. Rich, Mr. Weister, Dr. Lauderdale, Col. Swayne, Lt. Stafford, Rev. M. Smith, Rev. Roberts, Rev. Menaul, Rev. Harmons, Rev. Thomas.

In the box I send are 40 of the 11x14 or largest size - 50 8x10 Indians (Navajos), 213 miscellaneous 3x5 views and nearly 200 Cabinet Indians - I have indicated in a general way, about the way I would like to have them distributed, but leave the matter somewhat to your judgment. I shall send many more to all the parties some time this fall, by rail. It has just occurred to me that I have forgotten Dr. Thomas in the above list. When you come to separate the photos pick out a good set for him. Tell him I will soon have a good drawing finished of his house which I will have copied and sent him. The same also in regard to Dr. Menaul's house. I have been so busy with other matters that I have not been able to finish up my drawings.

If you or any one out there can interest themselves in getting up a collection say to the amount of about \$30. I would be under very many obligations. We would pay well for all expenses of packing and shipping and still feel the same obligation.

If you go to Laguna ask Mr. Harmon whether I can still obtain one of those very large ollas, and if they could pack up and ship me one of them, as fine as the one I saw. I would prefer to have several duplicates as near as may be of the best kinds of pottery rather than many kinds - I want particularly several more owls ducks - and bowls with handles.

If you cannot attend to all these things can you not find some one who for a consideration might make the collection, and pack it? If the money is required in advance I will send it. The pieces we have attract a good deal of attention. We have had

many fac-similar copies made, and are having them engraved.

If you come across some really fine small blankets at a reasonable price, purchase me two or three - Those having white and red in them preferred.

I am sorry I have nothing out to guide you in going to the Chaco. I advise you to try and get Mr. Beaumont at San Ysidro - or to get the young Indian boy who went with us. If Francisco (or Hoste) is in good health, get him. They can tell you where to find those water pockets.

I enclose rough draft of the route. San Ysidro or Jemez will be the best place to get guides from.

But I must hurry this to a close, in order to get it in the mail. Write me when you have time and let me know how you get along and also let me know when you expect to be in Washington. I'll have lots more of photos ready for you when you do come.

Mrs. Jackson was much pleased with the vases and sends thanks. Regards to Mrs. Jackson and the children - and to all whom you meet in New Mexico.

Yours,  
W. H. Jackson.

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